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## SHARKS HEAD HUNTING PACK

By Mark Stavroulakis

Last season's National League Grand-Final winners the Olympic Sharks have taken a one point lead at the top of the competition ladder after their two-nil victory over John Kosmina's Brisbane Strikers.

Goals from Andy Packer and in form striker Franco Parisi gifted the Sharks the points but again Olympic did not look like the team they were last year.

Time however is on Gary Phillips' young side and with the trek to Auckland as their next fixture, Olympic will need to be at their very best in facing the tricky Kiwis at the Ericsson Stadium.

Unfortunately for Olympic they will be without key striker Ante Milicic for at least another two weeks, but youngster Franco Parisi has definitely found his mark scoring two goals in two successive matches.

WIN Stadium saw the Wollongong Wolves play out a scoreless draw with the Football Kingz in the only Friday night clash in Round 4.

Ron Corry's young side has yet to feel a defeat in this season's competition having drawn three times as the South Coast side currently sits in equal third position with six points.

Having been thumped by Newcastle United five-nil last week, Northern Spirit showed once again that anything is possible by beating South Melbourne three-two to sneak

into the top six.

It took a goal from former AIS graduate Jonathon Richter in the dying minutes of the match to grant Lawrie McKinna's squad a much-needed three points.

Played at Brookvale Oval, it was the side's first hit-out at the pitch that Rugby League club Manly Warringah made so famous during its hey days in the ARL.

Adelaide fans witnessed a heart-stopping match as the Force drew two-all with visiting side Parramatta Power.

Leading two-nil just before the hour mark, the Force lost its way as goals from Matthew Thompson and Ahmad Elrich gave the Power their second point of the season.

It was a huge day for Power youngster Daniel Vukovic. The 17-year-old shot stopper filled Liam Reddy's position and did superbly with some outstanding saves that helped the Power gain a much-needed point.

But it just doesn't get any better for the struggling Marconi Stallions as Raul Blanco's squad slumped to their third defeat of the season losing to the Melbourne Knights one-nil.

Knights' midfielder Daniel

Vasilevski did the damage in the 78th minute that left the Stallions players dazed after a promising start to the match by the visitors.

The loss has come at a bad time for Marconi who sit at the foot of the table and with a bye in this week's fixtures — combined with the Annual General Meeting this coming Sunday, the club is set for a rough few weeks.

Finally the match of the round saw Perth Glory reassert itself as the closest contender in catching the Sharks after a hard fought one-nil win over Newcastle United.

After their shock four-three home loss to the Strikers in Round Two, Mich d'Avray's men were out to win their first home game of the season and it was no surprise to see sharp shooter Damien Mori on the scoresheet for Glory with a well-taken goal in the 26th minute.

The win saw Perth jump to out right second position just one shy of the Sharks. Yet the early signs are that the Olympic Sharks-Perth Glory and Newcastle United will dominate the league and finish as the top three contenders — only time will tell.



South Melbourne's diminutive midfielder Steve Panopoulos gets behind the Spirit defence unleashing a header during last Saturday's clash at Brookvale Oval. (Photo By Carlos Furtado)



Aerial battle shown between Strikers star player Fernando Rech and Olympic speed star Tommy Pondeljak.

## MARCONI NSL FUTURE IN DOUBT

In a shock move, the NSL future of Marconi Stallions will be debated at the Club Marconi AGM to be held on October 20th.

Last week, Club Marconi members received through their letterboxes the Club Annual Report, and with it, notice of a shock resolution calling for the Stallions to be withdrawn from the NSL at the end of the season.

The exact wording of the resolution is:

"In view of the club's poor financial position we move that the Club soccer team be withdrawn from the national

soccer league competition at the end of the 2002/3 season until such time that the Club's debt has been substantially reduced. As a community service the junior soccer programme should be continued and consideration be given to entering a team in the state league"

This resolution was moved by Stallion members Leni Crenna (Badge No.16) and seconded by former board member Bruno Dal Pra (Badge No.53).

Even if passed by a simple majority on the day, the

incoming board are under no legal obligation to implement the resolution, but the passing of such a resolution would surely put a severe question mark over any future Stallions NSL involvement.

It has been a torrid couple of years for the club who was once hailed as Australia's 'glamour' side.

Financial difficulties with the social club saw the Stallions budget slashed, and several big name players like John Maisano, Brendan Renaud and Royce Brownlie leave the club at the end of

last season.

Marconi officials were playing down the importance of the resolution, confirming that if passed, it will be treated as no more than a 'recommendation' to the incoming board, but there are many Marconi fans who see things differently.

Fred Legget, a former Marconi programme editor, and long standing supporter, is a member of the recently formed SOS Committee (Save our Stallions) and this organization are urging all Marconi fans not to take the threat lightly.

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## PERTH PLAYERS SURVIVE BALI BOMBING

By Richard Kreider

Players and officials from the West Australian first division club Perth City are experiencing an end-of-season vacation that they are likely never to forget, after finding themselves caught up in the terrible events of Saturday night's Bali tragedy.

Two of the twelve first team players that made the trip were hit by flying metal from the massive explosion that claimed the lives of almost 200 innocent victims. "One player had to have an operation to remove fragments of metal from his head and the other had burns on the back of his legs," said a club spokesman last Sunday evening.

"Thankfully, both are said to be doing fine now." The group arrived in Bali last Wednesday and are staying at the Kuta Paradiso Hotel, which is in Tuban, on Bali's southern peninsula and no more than a five minute drive from the scene of devastation.

The touring party is not expected to return to West Australia for another week, although there has yet to be any word about whether the disaster will persuade them to return earlier than scheduled.

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**H**ere's one for all the  
armchair soccer  
enthusiasts. On his  
trip to England several weeks  
ago, ABSW's Melbourne cor-  
respondent Brendon Davis  
had the honor of presenting a  
South Melbourne jersey to  
Birmingham City's goalkeep-  
er and Belgian international  
Nico Vaesen.

For many Blues fans it has  
been a long time coming for a  
return into the top flight and  
Vaesen is one player credit in



Brendon Davis shown here  
with Nico Vaesen.

helping Birmingham achieve  
this feat.

He saved 3 penalties in the  
Birmingham versus Norwich  
play off final that went to  
penalties enabling Birmingham  
to win promotion to the Prem.

He has started in goals for  
each game this season and  
while he has only kept one  
clean sheet, he has never con-  
ceded more than 2 goals in a  
Premiership match.

Here is a picture of Brendon  
presenting the jersey to Vaesen.

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**L**eeds United goalkeeper  
Danny Milosevic has  
signed a two-year extension  
to his current Elland Road  
deal.

He has impressed manager  
Terry Venables with a string of  
fine performances in the  
reserves and played particular-



Danny Milosevic: Signed a  
two year extension to his  
Leeds United contract.

ly well during the pre-season  
tour.

Currently sidelined with a  
neck injury, Milosevic is  
expected back within two  
weeks and he will be pushing  
Paul Robinson and Nigel  
Martyn for that number one jer-  
sey in the coming months.

His new deal now assures  
him of being Leeds' No 3 goal-  
keeper until at least 2005.

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**Q**uite a bit of Leeds United  
news is being received in  
the offices of ABSW sur-  
rounding two of Australian's  
biggest stars-Mark Viduka  
and Paul Okon.

Hapoel Tel Aviv skipper  
Shimon Gershon is aiming to  
ensure Mark Viduka draws a  
blank when they play Leeds in  
the UEFA Cup.

Viduka twice drew a blank  
against the Israeli side when he  
played for Celtic, and Gershon  
hopes to shut out the Leeds  
striker again.

He said: "I played against  
Viduka three seasons ago when  
we played Celtic in the UEFA  
Cup.

"He didn't score then and I  
hope he will not score again."

Meanwhile Socceroos cap-  
tain Paul Okon appears to be on  
the outer after failing to find a  
first team spot after his move  
from Middlesbrough.

Speaking to the Sydney  
Morning Herald, national  
coach Frank Farina has hinted  
that Paul Okon's lack of first-  
team football could cost him  
his international place.

To be honest Paul is strug-  
gling. He's not playing and I  
need to have a good look at his  
situation.

"Last year it was all about  
qualifying for 2002 and now  
I'm looking ahead to 2006. It is  
a very difficult situation and I  
have to handle it in a different  
way."

"The reality is the younger  
guys are all coming through.

"They're all putting pressure  
on and at his age Paul needs to  
be playing regularly." Australia  
play Romania in a  
friendly on 20 November.



Paul Okon: About to be  
culled from the Socceroos  
lineup?

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**T**he second round of the  
Asian Football  
Confederation's Champions  
League series was staged in  
Singapore on Sunday night  
with Australians figuring  
prominently in the event.

In this first leg match, at the  
Bedok Stadium, Singapore  
champions Geylang United  
defeated DPMM of Brunei 3-0.

Former Marconi and West  
Adelaide striker, Aleksander  
Duric, gave Geylang the lead in  
the 12th minute when he turned  
smartly in the box to steer in a  
ball played to his feet, follow-  
ing a corner.

Geylang skipper Brian  
Bothwell, once of Morwell  
Falcons, who had a strong  
game throughout, had a hand in  
the third goal at the 77 minute  
mark when his peach of a  
through ball found young star  
Noor Ali running into the box  
to collect the pass and steer it  
past the keeper.

Also engaged in the same

competition is Home United,  
the Singapore cup winners last  
season and now coached by  
former Australian identity,  
Steve Darby. They begin their  
campaign against South China  
FC of Hong Kong on October  
8th and stage the return leg in  
Singapore on October 22.

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**N**icholas Tavouskis a for-  
mer Sydney Olympic  
and Marconi Youth star will  
be off to Tottenham in  
January for trials.

He was injured during his  
last trial spell at Fulham and  
now is currently training at  
NSW Premier League club St  
George, until trials with his  
trial with Spurs reach the hori-  
zon.

In other brief news, Leicester  
City's James Wesolowski is has  
turned a few heads after a string  
of fine performances-including  
those in charge of the England  
U17 squad.

He has played the majority  
of the Foxes U/17 matches  
since his move from Australia a  
few months ago and the advice  
from the table of AA would be  
for Aussie soccer chiefs to get  
in quickly before we have  
another Jamie McMaster leav-  
ing our shores.



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**B**irmingham winger Stan  
Lazaridis feels that the  
break in Premiership action  
has come at just the right  
time

as it will allow the his side to  
asses the progress that they  
have made and work to get a  
few players back to fitness.  
Lazaridis told TEAMtalk.com:  
"The two-week break has come

nicely for us. It has enabled the  
players to recharge their batter-  
ies and enabled the manager to  
regain his thoughts. In the First  
Division you are lucky to get  
two days off!"

Birmingham was able to go  
into the break on a high after  
their win at West Ham and  
Lazaridis added: "The reason  
why we are doing so well is the  
work rate of Robbie Savage  
and Aliou Cisse.

"Damien Johnson has also  
been one of our better players.  
He is a steady reliable player  
who gets on with his job.

"Clinton Morrison always  
looks as if he can score goals,  
while Stern John has recently  
regained his best form.

"It looks as if the manager  
has got together a good squad.  
The team did need to be rebuilt.

"He is probably still looking  
at the squad and players to  
brought in. We have got away  
to a good start but it will not be  
until the end of March before  
we know how we have done.

"Our first hurdle is try and



Stan Lazaridis believes the  
short break in the league  
will give Birmingham a  
chance to evaluate their  
performances to date.

get 25 points by around the half  
way mark. Then we have to set  
ourselves another target.

"We are not talking about  
Europe but it is viable. We have  
to make sure that we remain in  
the Premiership."

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# Marconi NSL Future In Doubt (continued)

Legget stated to ABSW, "It is essential that all Marconi supporters firstly are aware of this threat, and secondly, that if they are club Marconi members, vote against the resolution next Sunday."

While the board may only have to accept it as a "recommendation," there is no doubt that if passed, they will be under extreme pressure to con-

form to the wishes of any resolution passed at a properly constituted Annual General Meeting.

That could mean the withdrawal from the NSL at the end of the season."

SOS is urging all Marconi fans who are club members to attend the AGM and overwhelmingly defeat the resolution.



The Marconi Club will be full come 20th of October to decide the club's future.

"It is important to do this to send a clear, unequivocal message to not only any incoming Marconi board, but also to the Australian soccer community, that NSL football is a priority for Marconi."

Marconi were a founding member of the NSL back in 1977, and its rich NSL history and tradition cannot be allowed to be snuffed out in the cause of economic rationalization.

No soccer club in Australia makes money, and Marconi is no different.

Its operation has historically been funded from revenue derived from the social club, and we at SOS are quite clearly stating that this should continue.

To pull the plug on the Stallions would be an insult to every former player and every fan who has passed through the Marconi turnstiles over the

years," Legget stated.

Quite apart from the obvious emotion involved, SOS claim that the proposal makes little economic sense either.

"The Marconi NSL budget this season is in the region of \$800,000, certainly not a huge amount by previous NSL standards."

Soccer attracts a large number of people who would not normally socialize at the club, and far from soccer being the "millstone around the social club's neck" as some have attempted to portray it, soccer is in fact one of its main assets.

Unfortunately, that positive marketing message has not necessarily been trumpeted by the current board, and the lesson for Marconi supporters attending the AGM on Sunday may well be for them to ensure that whomever they intend to vote for is "soccer friendly."

But whatever they do, I implore them to vote against this resolution and ensure that NSL soccer at Marconi is here to stay," ended Legget.

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## SPIRIT SIGN PHILLIPS AS BELL SURVIVES CULL

Northern Spirit has signed former Marconi and Canberra midfielder Marcus Phillips to a short-term contract.

English-born Phillips, who impressed coach Lawrie McKinnon in a week-long trial and is expected to make his Spirit debut in round five against Sydney United, is delighted to be about to begin

another stint in Australia.

"I really love playing football and living in Australia. I was with Canberra when they went under and it left it too late for me to find another club," Phillips said in a Northern Spirit statement.

"I admired Spirit when they first came into the League and I've been really impressed by the work ethic of the boys since

I've been here."

Lawrie wants us playing an open, aggressive brand of football and if we play to our potential I think we can entertain and do well."

Meanwhile Simon Bell and Vuko Tomasevic may not have heard the last of their red cards with Northern Spirit director of football Bill Collins admitting the club has not yet decided whether to discipline the pair further.

"Simon's send-off was extremely disappointing and we fully support the two-match ban," Collins began. "We will await the decision from the tribunal hearing before deciding on further penalty."

"We are a family club privileged to play in such a fantastic sport. We also respect our fans and our sponsors. We want to resolve this issue and ensure that it will not happen again, so we can move on with our season and give our fans and sponsors something to be proud of."



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## QLD TO LAUNCH SUMMER LEAGUE COMPETITION

**Q**ueensland Soccer Federation General Manager, Steve Wilson, last week announced the launch of the Summer League Competition commencing on 2 November 2002.

The Soccer Queensland Super Summer League as it will be known will consist of six (6) quality sides stretching from Northern New South Wales to the Sunshine Coast and out to the Darling Downs.

Those clubs participating in this first ever Summer Premier Competition will be traditional Queensland heavy weights, Queensland

Lions, Gold Coast City and Rochdale Rovers. Joining them will be Far North Coast (Northern New South Wales), Toowoomba and Sunshine Coast.

Wilson said we have identified these six clubs geographically and on their ability to host a quality event with all the facilities.

With such a wide geographical coverage it allows the many thousands of followers the opportunity to see quality soccer throughout summer. So when the Strikers are not playing a home game there will be a game not far away. The draw will be released shortly.



## Power Reddy For Back-Up?

By Mark Stavroulakis

**H**aving been in the headlines for the wrong reasons this past week, young Power custodian Liam Reddy is set to face another challenge in winning his spot back at the club.

Reddy was shown an automatic red card for his KO style punch on Sharks defender Mark Byrnes during a heated round three clash between the pair.

After being reinstated into the Power squad after coach Nick Theodorakopoulos threatened to rip up Liam's contract, the new challenge Liam must now face is the possible recruitment of yet another goalkeeper in the squad.

Trialling at the moment for the Power are two inter-

nationalists who hope to score a possible contract with Nick Theodorakopoulos, squad.

Sierra Leone international Bobson Koroma and Canadian youth international Wojtek Zarzycki are currently being examined by former Socceroo keeper Jimmy Fraser.

Koroma spent a solid season at Perth Premier League club Fremantle City after arriving in Australia as a political refugee.

There might be some confusion in the signing of young Zarzycki if it does eventuate, as the 22-year-old could still be unavailable on the transfer market.

The Canadian international has spent time at Ipswich Town, German Bundesliga outfit Werder Bremen and more recently playing in the Canadian 'A' League for the Calgary Storm.

Nonetheless the Power currently have two other shot-stoppers at the club, young Andrew Carman who made his debut for the club against the Sharks and Youth keeper Daniel Vukovic.



Another possible inclusion to the Power?, Promising young Canadian keeper Wojtek Zarzycki.

## GLORY CHAIRMAN URGES FOR REFORM

**P**erth Glory Chairman Nick Tana has been yet another soccer figure that has stated that a reform is needed urgently in order for the code to survive.

The Chairman has expressed his views on the current state of Soccer in Australia as seen below and has indicated some much needed advice as to how the sport could improve.

"We are approaching a watershed in Australian soccer, a time when the decisions made will affect the future of the game not just for this generation but for the hundreds of thousands of young Australians who play the game and the millions who have relatives or friends who play it and who love to watch the world's most popular sport.

I have made a public commitment to Perth Glory supporters, members and sponsors that I will do whatever I can to assist in this process of change. There are no more chances. Australian soccer has run out of time and the right decisions must be made now.

I believe the following outcomes are essential:

The National Soccer League must be a separate and independent competition with the right to make its own decisions and secure its own deals.

Those who run the game must support and abide by the findings of the current Federal Government inquiry into the sport.

We must not sell the farm with a television rights agreement which sacrifices the long-term interests of the game for short term gain.

My first outcome, concerning the NSL, is of the utmost importance. It is of course my principal area of interest as Chairman of Perth Glory, a club which has shown that soccer can be successful in Australia.

A national competition has to be run properly under structured business and marketing plans. There have to be clear rules for clubs on the size of

budgets and on how much should be spent on marketing and promoting the game. Perth Glory offers an example with 20 per cent of the budget directed to marketing exercises.

We have a good product but we have to make it better and then market it properly.



Perth Glory Chairman Nick Tana has urged to the soccer public that a reform is urgently needed in Australia.

The make-up of the competition has to be based not on past reputations but on future potential.

It needs to be founded on qualitative and quantitative market research, the sort used

by any sensible and profitable business organisation when it plans for the future.

The Federal Government inquiry needs to be a consultative process and I believe the Government and others involved in the process have shown that will be the case.

Many people within the game recognise the need for change and if an independent look at the game helps achieve that then the outcome will be worthwhile.

Here in Western Australia under the guidance of the State Government's Department of Sport and Recreation, soccer is finding that such a process, done with wide consultation among the stakeholders in the game, can see people work together to bring about change.

If everyone can, for the good of the game, put aside personal feelings and take part in the process at the national level then the end results might well be positive.

For any of this to succeed we must beware of making decisions that cause long-term pain for short-term gain. One such area is the renegotiation of television rights to the game. No modern sport can survive without proper television coverage.

Yet we have a sport where the organisation that holds the rights won't show the games and will not let anyone else.

It is of vital importance that any agreement signed does not commit a new-look national competition to a deal that does not benefit the game financially and most crucially of all does not guarantee coverage each week.

There is a temptation to succumb to the negativity that sometimes consumes people in soccer. That must not happen.

I have outlined three simple steps that are achievable if those involved have the will to succeed and an attitude that puts the good of the game ahead of personal disagreements.

This is a time in the history of the code that will be looked back on as a turning point.

It is up to those charged with the decision making process to decide whether they will be remembered as the people who killed the code or those who breathed new life into it.

The time has come for total change not tentative tinkering.

The millions of Australians who are touched by the beautiful game will accept no less." ended Tana.

## EMERTON SEARCHES FOR MORE GLORY

\*By Simon Hart

Brett Emerton has made a big impact at Feyenoord since arriving in Rotterdam from Sydney Olympic FC, his hometown club, two years ago. An Australian international at 19, his performances down the right for Feyenoord have earned covetous glances from a number of clubs in England, notably Newcastle United FC who offered over £12m for his signature in the summer.

**'A good footballer'**  
Yet he remains at Feyenoord, where his coach, Bert van Marwijk, describes him as "a good football player with good technique who can come forward all the time but sometimes has problems with defending".

uefa.com caught up with the versatile 23-year-old to hear why he prefers playing in midfield to defence - and why a move to England still appeals.

**uefa.com:** You nearly joined Newcastle in the summer. How glad are you that you stayed?

**Brett Emerton:** I've been at Feyenoord two years now and I've enjoyed every minute. At the moment it looks like we've got a good team and we can do big things this season so I'm happy to be here.

**uefa.com:** But does a move to England still appeal to you?

**Emerton:** Definitely. I've made it known that one day in the future I'd like to play in England, whether it be next year or the year after, who knows?

Obviously it depends how I play over the next season and if clubs are interested in me. But there's a chance that hopefully one day I'll play there.

**uefa.com:** How much confidence have Feyenoord taken from winning the UEFA Cup last year?



Brett Emerton shown in action against Newcastle United in the recent Champions League fixture this season.

**Emerton:** It's a huge confidence booster. Everyone believes that no matter which side we come up against we can go out there and come away with a result so it's good for everybody. Also, it's a well-balanced team this year. Everyone can play good football and after winning the UEFA Cup there's a renewed confidence and it shows out on the park.

**uefa.com:** Is there a big difference between playing in the UEFA Champions League and UEFA Cup?

**Emerton:** Yes, I think so. The Champions League consists of the best teams in the world and there is a noticeable difference between the two competitions but I think we're up for it and hopefully we can do well.

It was a huge step for us to go to Newcastle and get three points and it puts us in good stead to make the second round. If we can string together a couple more good performances the second round is within our reach.

**uefa.com:** How happy are you with your own form this season?

**Emerton:** So far my form has been OK although there's still room for improvement. That's what you strive for as a player, to become better and better each season.

**uefa.com:** You play both at full-back and in midfield for Feyenoord. Which do you consider your best position?

**Emerton:** I'm happiest playing in midfield - I think that's where my game is best suited. Throughout the year I've been chopping and changing between midfield and defence, but while I play where's best for the team, right-back is not my preferred position.

I like to get forward as much as I can and get crosses in and playing at full-back it's sometimes hard to do that. For Australia I usually play on the right side of midfield, a more attacking role and this is my preferred position.

\*Source - (www.uefa.com)

## Knights Sign Uruguayan Star

**T**he Melbourne Knights have signed Uruguayan goalscoring ace Gustavo Biscayzacu as a guest player and hope to have him on deck in the National Soccer League before Christmas.

With Adrian Cervinski back at Somers Street, following a failed stint away at the Northern Spirit, player/coach Andrew Marth and the Knights are hopeful that he and Biscayzacu will form a deadly strike force.

Biscayzacu starred for Chilean 1st Division side Club Deportivo Stgo Morning last season and led them to the championship on the back of his 23 goals in 28 matches.

As well as topping the goalscoring charts, Biscayzacu was also named

the league's Player of the Year and the most Valuable Player.

A feat that goes close to



Gustavo Biscayzacu: Will become the new member for Andrew Marth's Melbourne Knights side this season.

emulating Mark Viduka's amazing achievements in the 1993/94 and 1994/95 NSL seasons where he was named Player of the Year, U/21 Player of the Year and won the Golden Boot.

In a Knights' statement, Biscayzacu revealed his excitement at playing in the NSL.

"To play with the Knights and in Australia is a real highlight in my career, to know that I will be playing for the same club as Viduka and some of the other Australian greats is overwhelming," he said.

The Melbourne club is expecting their new signing to arrive in Australia within the next few weeks and they look forward to unleashing him against rival defences in December.





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## REDDY REMAINS PART OF THE POWER

By Daniel Kuziow

**P**arramatta Power's disgraced goalkeeper Liam Reddy will stay at the club, despite coach Nick Theodorakopoulos saying he had no future at the club after his punching incident with Sharks player Mark Byrnes.

In a series of meetings between Parramatta Leagues Club Chief Executive Denis Fitzgerald, Power General Manager Angela Travis and Head Coach Theodorakopoulos it was decided that Reddy would stay at the club.

"Liam has been severely reprimanded over his ill-disciplined actions, and he will have to have a major attitudinal change prior to him representing our Club again," Mr Fitzgerald added.

The young Power goalkeeper was immediately sent off on 59 minutes when he struck Byrnes after the two had come in contact with each other.

At the press conference directly following the game, Theodorakopoulos told waiting media, that the goalkeeper had no future at the club and that his contract would be torn up despite what would be the obvious interjections of the Professional Footballers Association (PFA).

Theodorakopoulos has since changed his stance on the matter saying: "Liam has lost my confidence in regards to his lack of discipline, but he certainly retains my confidence as far as his ability is concerned."



Liam Reddy: The shot stopper has been retained by the Power.

dence as far as his ability is concerned."

"Regarding my comments in the media conference, I do not have the right to terminate his contract and I have already apologised to the PFA over my comments about that organisation."

Speaking more directly about the incident that changed the game and what some would consider cost the Power their first win of the season Theodorakopoulos commented: "I was so bitterly disappointed that Liam, with his actions, has let down himself, his team mates, his Club and our supporters, that I commented inappropriately."

"Liam will have to make a quantum leap to his on field discipline prior to him even being considered for team selection," he added.

In a subsequent statement released to the media, Reddy said: "I deeply regret my actions, and I am fully aware how much I let down my Club, team mates and coaching staff, and I realize how hard I have to work in order to regain the confidence

of Nick and my team mates. "I just want to play for Parramatta Power," he added.



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# National League Round 4 Reports



**Olympic Sharks**

**2**



**Brisbane Strikers**

**0**

By Peter Damalas

The Olympic Sharks recorded a 2-0 victory over Brisbane Strikers in front of their home crowd to stay on top of the NSL ladder. Goals from Andrew Packer and Franco Parisi in the second half were decisive for the defending champions.

In a match that was billed as a 'State of Origin' clash, Olympic played with 5 ex-Strikers, while Kris Trajanovski and Stephen Laybutt were also playing against their former teammates.

The away side combined physical strength at the back with a disciplined zonal system

to stifle most of Olympic's attacking moves in the first half.

Tom Pondeljak was particularly dangerous down the right flank with a number of crosses.

The absence of last season's top scorer, Ante Milicic, began to tell as Harris and Parisi struggled to find any gaps in Brisbane's defence.

Olympic's notoriously fickle supporters grew impatient as the half wore on.

While the Sharks dominated possession with an open brand of football, Brisbane's opportunities were limited to set plays.

Dangerman and 2001-02 ABSW Player of the Year, Fernando Rech, man-marked by young defender Andrew

Durante, was forced to drop deep to receive service.

Brisbane held out until the 7th minute of the second half, when Pondeljak fed a ball to Andrew Packer, who scored when his shot cannoned in off the underside of the crossbar. Pondeljak had run 25 metres, beating three defenders before playing the perfect pass to the right winger.

The defending champions, with one of the youngest squads in the National League, were assisted by captain Ante Juric, who pushed into midfield in order to allow the creative players freedom of movement.

Japanese import, Hiroyuki Ishida, on for the injured Wayne Srhoj, provided extra penetra-



Tommy Pondeljak shown competing with Fernando Rech (left) for the ball.

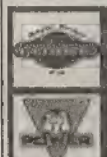
tion and speed down the left flank. In the 72nd minute, the away side saw an opportunity to restore parity after an incident that threatened to change the course of the match. Substitute Anthony Roche was brought down by Olympic's last defender, Jade North near the penalty box. However, referee Derek Rugg brandished only the yellow card for a challenge that looked like a professional foul.

After this reprieve, the home team looked to stop a possible fightback

by adding a second. They scored again in stoppage time when some good work down the left, this time from Joel Porter, was finished off by Franco Parisi, making the final score 2-0.

Coach Gary Phillips singled out 20 year old Andrew Durante for special praise, describing his marking of Fernando Rech as a 'man-of-the-match' performance and revealed that certain players were "given assignments" on the field.

Strikers coach John Kosmina said that "confidence was down a bit" after last week's loss to Wollongong. He was disappointed with the efforts of his key player but was optimistic for the rest of the season with 7 young players in the team, including the promising striker Joshua Rose.



**Adelaide City Force**

**2**



**Parramatta Power**

**2**

By Allan Crisp

Parramatta Power turned on the power by coming from behind to force a remarkable recovery against Adelaide City at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday.

This was the historic 450th NSL match to be played at Hindmarsh and the home side had every reason to book a celebration when it led 2-0 after 52 minutes of inventive play.

But, Parramatta tossed aside the problems of the previous week and the lack of two suspended players to hit back solidly in recording its second draw from four outings.

City also endured set-backs as it entered the fray minus injured strikers Claudio Pelosi and Shane Smeltz, while the home team lost Diego Pellegrini in the 29th minute when the impressive defender suffered a torn hamstring.

Lucas Pantelis got the show on the road in the 34th minute when he lined up with free kick expert Goran Lozanovski 25 metres from the target.

The element of surprise was expertly executed as Lozanovski tapped the ball to his young colleague to boom the ball past the Powers debut 17-year old goalkeeper Daniel Vukovic.

Parramatta coach Nick Theodorakopoulos had his week of woes extended in the 52nd minute as Lozanovski swung a perfect pass to Scott Tunbridge, whose delivery to Aurelio Vidmar sent the former City skipper charging forward to score his first goal of the season.

Four minutes later Vidmar had a glorious chance to extend the home lead when he was left with only Vukovic to pass, but the attempted chip went astray.

Enter, Pablo Cardozo, hero of stacks of goals for the defunct West Adelaide Sharks, who earlier was strangely quiet due to the attentions of Gianluca Lagati.

A cross from the right by crafty

Cardozo picked out an unmarked Matt Thompson and Parramatta was back in the game on the stroke of the hour.

Just 14 minutes later Cardozo crashed a thunderous free kick against the City crossbar, allowing on the spot Ahmad Elrich to head the rebound past Ian Martin in the Force goal.

Level at last, Parramatta suddenly had the chance to gain maximum points as Cardozo and Elrich probed for a previously unlikely winner.

But, City skipper Ante Kovacevic, aided by the fresh legs of 78th minute substitute David Terminello and never say die Carl Veart, foraged for the first home win of the season for City.



Goalscorers Ahmad Elrich (left) and Lucas Pantelis tussle for the ball during last Sunday's match that ended two-all.

Neither possibility eventuated but the fans were treated to a magnificent free flowing display of unbridled football.

With senior forwards Pelosi and Smeltz sidelined, youngsters Tunbridge and Budin waged a friendly rivalry for recognition, both aware that a City first team spot was up for grabs.

Both gave it their best shot with Budin edging out his team mate on the day, but both showed enough to suggest they have the tenacity to hold down other positions in the midfield or defence.

Conclusions to be drawn from this fascinating contest are that City will be a genuine threat, particularly when all of its squad is fully fit.

And, Parramatta, by the same token, despite its tardy start, has the talent and the resolve to be a finals candidate, capable of rising to become the cream of the crop.



**Northern Spirit**

**3**



**South Melbourne**

**2**

By Stuart Jones

Northern Spirit claimed the first win at Brookvale Oval last Saturday with a truly entertaining 3-2 win over South Melbourne.

Spirit had taken an early lead but were pegged back by South who headed into injury time at the end of the match level but came out as losers after a massive mix up between Dean Anastasiadis and Mehmet Durakovic, two of South's most experienced players.

The mix up led to young substitute striker Jonathon Richter, who was superb in the second half, pounce on the loose ball and put it into the back of the net. It was not as if it was the first time in the match either for on the 33rd minute mark Anastasiadis tried to play a back pass around Hamilton Thorp and almost presented the ball to his opponent.

The match had started with the visitors looking the goods and Spirit looking shaky at the rearranged back. Peter Buljan shook off Wilkinson early but shot wide. There were other good runs but crossing let South down. Then in the 14th minute Rob Trajkovski crossed to captain Andy McDermott but his volley was punched away very well by Anastasiadis. It was signs of danger to come and on the 16th minute McDermott played in a freekick from the left and it was headed home at the far post by born again central midfielder Noel Spencer.

Souths reverted to playing with the ball too much and they were losing possession in crucial parts of the field. Ian Ferguson played a ball to Thorp who headed down only to be denied by the South

Melbourne keeper once more. Just after the half hour an incident occurred that could well have had repercussions at match end. A McDermott free kick was handled in the area by Michael Baird and whilst Simon Micallef was in no position to spot it, senior assistant referee Stuart Lockrey should have, yet nothing was done. It was a poor piece of officiating.

In the 37th minute the home side doubled their lead after Rob Trajkovski had another quick break down the right. He slowed down play on the edge of the area whilst he waited for support and then played a great ball through to the unmarked John Hutchison who fired home.

In the last five minutes of the half both De Amicis and Baird caused problems for Spirit but the best chance in that period actually fell Spirit's way with Burgess's backheader from point blank range being brilliantly tipped over the bar by Anastasiadis.

Michael Baird had one further



Steve Panopoulos shown in full possession of the ball.

chance after that when he turped the defence and found himself free in the area but his shot was weak and straight to Paul Henderson.

The second half opening was a false dawn for Spirit fans who were hoping to see the team play well for the full 90 minutes. South Melbourne soon were on song and had halved the lead. Initially Peter Buljan had had his effort denied by Henderson but a free kick from the left on the 62nd minute was headed down at the far post by Pat Kisnorbo, and it finished in the back of the net.

Young Substitute Richter looked about the only source of goal for Spirit and he nearly answered that call in the 78th minute but his shot went inches wide. Then five minutes from time it looked disaster for the home side. A quick throw from Nick Tolios was met by Peter Buljan in acres of space and he fired home past Henderson.



Then in injury time Spirit struck from the most unlikely of circumstances. Rob Trajkovski, doing more running than he has in years, put in a cross that should have been easily handled by the two Souths players but instead they presented it to the only Spirit player within cooee of it and he simply sidestepped the

keeper and slot the ball home.

After the first half it was all Northern Spirit on the scoreboard, although not necessarily on the pitch. At full time the side were absolutely delighted at getting away with the full points. Brookvale Oval saw around 2800 people present, very disappointing for such an experiment and the club must be thinking they could do a bit better by staying at North Sydney Oval.



# National League Round 4 Reports

	<b>Perth Glory</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>Newcastle United</b>	<b>0</b>

By Richard Kreider

**P**erth Glory responded to a recent media slating over their ordinary start in the only way they know by clinching a solid and morale-lifting 1-0 victory over possible top-six rivals Newcastle United at Perth Oval last Sunday.

The defensive performance especially was notable and in sheer contrast to the one that capitulated to the Brisbane Strikers a fortnight ago.

"I don't want to revisit the Brisbane game Richard, but I did say at the time that I thought it was just a one off," said Glory coach Mich d'Avray.

"The reality is, we have now played four games and kept three clean sheets."

"It was a fantastic result for us because we have beaten a very good Newcastle team. Even though it was very close, I'm ecstatic," d'Avray said.

Whilst understandably irritated by the result, Newcastle boss Ian Crook says it is still

too early to be wholly disappointed.

"I must give full credit to Perth today," he said. "Defensively, they were very solid and made some crucial interceptions at the right time. Sure, we're disappointed because we came here and had a go but we've now got to pick ourselves up and come back next week," said the former Tottenham Hotspur and Norwich City star.

"For me, Perth is still the team to aspire to. Considering the pressure they play under each week - we're all desperate to beat them. So, for them to come away with wins like this one is a credit to them. This is the level that we have to push ourselves up to," ended Crook.

The game got off to an enterprising start by both teams but it was the visitors who looked the more threatening in and around a goal.

Joel Griffiths gave the crowd of just 10,448 something to think about after only five minutes when he had the goal at his mercy, just metres

in front. But his downward header to a flicked-on corner was superbly saved by Jason Petkovic; low to his right. It was just the save the Glory 'keeper needed after a fairly average start to the season - by his standards. Glory replied six minutes later through midfielder Brad Hassell who sent a rising missile just centimetres past an upright.

A sweet combination move from Newcastle in the 14th minute should have been rewarded with the opening goal but Scott Miller managed to scoop the ball away from Griffiths as he was lining up to shoot from close-range.

Minutes later at the other end, Hassell came just as close when a quickly taken free-kick by Damian Mori set up the talented midfielder, but Robbie Middleby was on hand to make a similar timely interception.

By now, it was entertaining end-to-end stuff and a game that looked like a solitary goal would be all that would separate the two teams.

And it was that man Mori

who broke the deadlock in the 26th minute after collecting a clever threaded pass from talented German import Andre Gumprecht, who initially collected the ball from an error by the United midfield. The Socceroo striker made it NSL goal number 189 by running on and rounding goalkeeper Daniel Beltrame before slotting the ball into the back of the net.

The Perth side came very close to adding a second just a



Back to where he belongs - Damian Mori scored the Glory's only goal that put him equal first in the top scorers charts with four goals.

minute later when defender Shane Pryce headed a Hassell corner just over the top bar.



A lung-bursting run from Scott Baillie and a slick one-two with Esala Masi ended miserably for the defender when he sliced his final touch on the ball.

Half-time arrived with the score unchanged but United came out from the resumption in a more determined frame of mind, but again found the Perth rearguard to be in a no-nonsense frame of mind.

Further chances fell to Bobby Despotovski and Jamie Harwell for Glory before the Newcastle side was awarded a 73rd minute free-kick from the front of the box. Substitute Alex Moreira stood over the ball before sending it over the wall and towards the far top corner of the goal. But Petkovic somehow climbed high and tipped the ball over the crossbar for a world-class save.

And as was shown, that miss was Newcastle's last chance to equalise and the game finished with the defending Premiers victorious by the slenderest of margins.

The game threatened to become a radio announcer's nightmare at the 75th minute when a third Griffiths player entered the field of play for United; the younger brother Ryan Griffiths, who joined his twin brothers Adam and Joel.

	<b>Melbourne Knights</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>Marconi Stallions</b>	<b>0</b>

By Alan Clark

**D**aniel Vasilevski's headed goal ten minutes from time was enough to give Melbourne Knights the win against Marconi Stallions in an otherwise tight tussle at Somers Street on Sunday night.

Vasilevski was first to reach a ball blocked firstly after a free-kick taken from the edge

of the penalty-area by Lubo Lapsansky was cleared from the goal-line by Stallions keeper Michael Turnbull, then again from a follow-up by captain Steve Horvat.

"It wasn't pretty, but one goal settled the issue today," said Horvat after the game. "Better us than them."

Horvat later described his view of the action. "The deflection came straight to me. I chested it down and volleyed

it and it was cleared off the line - it hit the defender flush in the head. It went out to (Vasilevski) and he headed it straight in to the corner."

"It was a messy goal but we'll take it."

Marconi had held the edge in the first half, but failed to convert the numerous chances that fell its way.

Three good chances fell Marconi's way in a ten minute spell just after the mid-point of the first half.

Alex Brosque combined to good effect with fellow striker Tony Perinich.

Marconi's first decent effort came when Brosque was set free with only Rodrigo Vargas chasing. Vargas did enough to force Brosque to take a slightly wider path, and his shot went over the bar from 16 metres.

Darren McDonald, who had an outstanding game in the first half, was on the end of a move just minutes later after good lead-up work from Perinich and Brosque but he also shot over from the 18-yard line.

Before the Knights defence had a chance to recompose, McDonald on a run, found Perinich to

his left. Perinich's cross was just too far for Brosque to reach on a slide at the far post.

A minute later, Grant Last made a gallop up the right wing, sending in a cross for Brosque to volley over from eight metres.

"Our midfielders were trying to play too nice," said playing-coach Andrew Marth after the game. "Marconi really hurt us in midfield. Our midfielders are great ball-players, but when it gets a bit physical they go a bit into hiding."

McDonald was at the heart of this midfield control. "(McDonald) has been out of the game for quite a while with a knee operation," said Stallions coach Raul Blanco



Stallions captain Dominic Longo and Knights skipper Andrew Marth contest a high ball.

after the game.

"His match-fitness is not yet where it's supposed to be, but I think he did a good job."

Knights grafted itself more into the contest as the wind and the rain arrived in the second half, even though Horvat ruled his choice of ends selection after winning the toss.

"I made a great decision today with the toss. I picked against the wind both halves."

Xhezair Sulemani, Nick Sabljak, and Vasilevski had good chances as the second half wore on, but the deadlock was finally broken in the pin-ball action - following Lapsansky's taking of the free-kick on the edge of the area.


"I think we did well enough not to go away empty-handed," said a disappointed Blanco.

"I thought we moved the ball well in the first-half, but (Knights) improved in the second half and came into the game (more)."

"We've (played) three good games without anything to show for it," said Blanco.

"(But) if we continue doing what we're doing, we have a chance."

Blanco rejected suggestions that the proposed wind-up motion for consideration at Marconi's forthcoming AGM is adversely affecting the concentration of the players. "We are here to play good football - (it's) not in our minds at all."



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# ANDY PASCHALIDIS: AUSTRALIAN SOCCER'S COMIC RELIEF!

Having been referred to as 'Saddam' and 'Alphabet' for both his appearance and his surname, Soccer commentator Andrew Paschalidis has been one of the pioneers in hosting soccer shows in Australia.

From his early beginnings at SBS commentating all Wollongong Wolves soccer matches, to bringing out one of the funniest characters Australian soccer has ever seen in taxi driver Uncle Stavros, Paschalidis' passion in making soccer the number one sport in this country has always been evident.

Currently hosting 'Soccer Scene' on Fox Sports with former Soccerro Robbie Slater and also organizing a UK Premier League tour, Paschalidis has been a busy man but took the time out in talking to ABSW's editor Mark Stavroulakis about certain footballing issues and of course his many famous antics on live-TV.

By Mark Stavroulakis

1) Your regarded within the Australian soccer circles as one of the lurikans of the game, how do you feel about that?

I don't mind that description at all although I must admit I might have slowed down in recent years. Late nights interstate after a live game was the norm, particularly in Melbourne with all those great guys who played for the likes of South Melbourne, Brunswick Juventus, Preston, Melbourne Croatia and Heidelberg.

On camera I like to be different in my own unique way but deep down I feel I relate to the public better than most. What you see on camera is pretty much what you get off it. In saying that, I am very serious about my work and promoting this great game of ours.

2) What would be your most memorable moment on live television?

This is certainly a difficult question. At just 27, hosting the 1990 World Cup stands out while at Fox Sports commentating

## FACT FILE

Name:  
Andrew Paschalidis - 40

Clubs Played:  
Hurlstone Park, Canterbury reps, Kingsgrove North Old Boys, Pontian Eagles, Sans Souci and now Forest Rangers Over 35's. (NSW and Australian indoor soccer teams)

Clubs coached:  
Pontian Eagles, Forest Rangers and Sans Souci.

Favourite All time World Player: Maradona (forget that Hand of God goal!!)

Favourite All time Oz Player - Mark Viduka

Nickname:  
Alphabet & Saddam

Barcelona-Real Madrid live from the Nou Camp in 1997 was also great. I'll never forget that crowd of 105,000.

However, I would have to say my last appearance on SBS. Thankfully, the powers that be allowed us to present the show in front of a live studio audience for the first time, something that I had pushed for several years.

It was classic television with Mike Cockerill locked in a verbal battle with Tony Labbozzetta, Les Scheinflug, Adrian Alston, Tom Anderson and Rudi Gutendorf were the other guests. Johnny Warren's moving tribute to me at the end of the show was something I will never forget. They were certainly great days.

3) How did you start off as a commentator?

Believe it or not, I started commentating High School rugby league games in 1978 and then proceeded to go to the Max Rolley radio school in 1981. Three years later SBS was looking for someone to commentate Wollongong's home games.

I was working at ABSW as a cadet journalist and was fortunate enough to be allowed to travel down to the Gong every second Sunday. I called my first game at

Towradgi Park on top of the dressing room. Five minutes before the kick-off all my commentary notes blew off the top of that building.

It must have been funny for the fans seeing this young, inexperienced 22-year-old jumping off the roof chasing his much needed team-sheets!!

4) What did you do prior to becoming a television host?

I left Kingsgrove North High School in 1979 with not much desire to study but to get in the workforce quickly. Cash, a good time and Andy Paschalidis went hand in hand.

I secured a job as a management trainee with J.Blackwood & Son - the biggest industrial supplier in the Southern Hemisphere. I spent three great years with that company, working with good, honest and genuine people, unlike

Harry Michaels approached me to appear on "It's all Greek to Me" and I am always willing to help someone who is so passionate about football. I must admit I have really enjoyed my appearances on the show.

It was great to have a panel with the likes of Arthur Sinodinos, who is John Howard's chief of staff. The interview actually made it to page three of the Financial Review apparently. Arthur rarely gives interviews but we covered plenty of issues along with another old mate Paddy Conroy - the ex head of ABC & SBS.

7) Will we ever see the comeback of Uncle Stavros in the near future?

You know I still get asked about the infamous "Uncle Stavros". He made just three appearances in 1994 but was

8) Your known for impersonating soccer stars and officials in this country, name some of them:

I have always been impersonating people for as long as I can remember but not all have been successful. Within the football family I would say I have certainly focused on the likes of Peter Katholos, Peter Tsolakis, Harry Michaels and the old Melbourne Croatia coach Mirko Basic, who always enjoyed my banter in the Knights dressing room before and after games.

That's what I miss the most about Australian soccer. Fox is geared to the overseas leagues and that's understandable, that's our market. When I was at SBS, I was part of a big family, heavily involved in promoting the National League and mixing with players and officials. I hope they miss me as much as I miss them.

9) How did your team Sans Souci travel this season?

Sans Souci lost a second Grand Final in a row after breaking the drought in 2000. We have had three good years in both grades after being wooden spooners when I first arrived at the club from the Pontian Eagles in 1996.

I love it down there, I stopped playing Premier League two years ago and I'm now the "full-time" social organizer. 30 of us are off to the Gold Coast next week and I've organized a Penthouse for the boys at the fantastic Outrigger Sun City Resort.

Our motto is "It's all about the memories", I have friends for life there!!

10) You have organized a football tour of the UK, how's that all going?

My new company Elite Sports Travel was mainly set-up to organize end-of-season and pre-season trips for all sporting clubs. However, I couldn't help myself and I have organized a great UK Premier League tour taking in four big games with three nights in Phuket on the way home.

I am looking at organizing pre-

season tournaments for State League and Premier League clubs in Adelaide, Sydney, Melbourne and the Gold Coast. If anyone is interested just drop me a line: andy@elitesportstravel.com.au

11) Your views on Australian soccer, how can the code improve?

It's the 10-million dollar question isn't it. We can always improve the game. I think at grassroots level it's brilliant. Plenty of kids playing a game for pure enjoyment.

At the top end we have a National competition which was the first of it's kind in any code. It's difficult to improve a league when so many talented youngsters head overseas even before they even get to play in it.

How can one keep them in Australia when there is so much offered overseas?

12) Who's your top six pick for this season's National League?

Another tough one given we have only had a handful of rounds. The Olympic Sharks look like they have once again got the best squad. Newcastle, Perth and the Wolves should also finish in the play-offs.

The remaining two spots are very open. Brisbane will stake a strong claim along with the likes of Adelaide City and possibly the underdogs Sydney United. I hope Marconi can relive the golden years again.

13) What do you do in your spare time besides watching football?

My spare time is somewhat limited. I do attend numerous sports fund-raisers and charity functions. I really enjoy getting back to the grassroots level, meeting and mixing with people who give so much to the game for no financial return.

My son Christopher and daughter Alexis keep me very busy. Chris enjoys his soccer and cricket while Alexis has been playing soccer for a couple of years.

I must admit I probably spend too much time sitting in front of the television channel surfing!!

14) How long do you see yourself in the media business and what do you hope to do in terms of retirement?

I feel as a broadcaster I am reaching my peak now. I am as comfortable as I have ever been in front of the camera. I hope that comes across to the viewers.

I still have plenty to do. My dream is to produce a global football program aimed at the younger football fans as well as a series on the Aussies Abroad. Maybe one day, commercial television will realize how big the game can truly be.

In terms of retirement, I am looking forward to living on the Gold Coast with the ocean as my backyard. I am a Cancerian after all!!



The formidable SBS lineup of Les Murray (left), Andy Paschalidis and Johnny Warren (right).

some of the people you tend to meet in the media.

It was sad to leave but a position beckoned at ABSW as a cadet journalist. My auntie saw an add in the Greek Herald but I was so worried because my Greek is poor. Luckily, I was informed I wouldn't have to read or write in Greek!!

I keep reminding my father he did give me an option when I was just nine-years old - Greek school or soccer training? (I'm sure you all know which option I took!!)

5) How are things looking at Soccer Scene with Robbie Slater?

Robbie and I go back almost 20 years. I first met him in 1983. Actually we had plenty of mutual friends through my involvement in Indoor Soccer or Futsal as it's commonly called now.

Soccer Scene has built a strong following. One hour just doesn't seem enough time to cover everything in the world of football, particularly when Robbie has a particular issue that drags on for a week!!

Just joking Bulldog!!

6) You made a few memorable appearances on 'It's All Greek To Me', how was that experience?

taken off air by one person in particular. I argued that he was a popular character but was told he was too ethnic.

Plenty of people related to him but I found it hard to understand why he wasn't allowed to continue. Here you had some of ethnic background sending up his own people. I think it's time for Stavros to come back.



Paschalidis shown interviewing Soccerro coach Frank Farina (left) and Eddie Krncevic (right).



Andy Paschalidis: Currently hosting Soccer Scene on Foxtel with Robbie Slater.



# VICTORIAN CHRONICLES — By Brendon Davis



By Brendon Davis

## Knights Calling

Melbourne Knights are calling for supporters to assist with memorabilia and old photos for the 50th anniversary festivities.

The club wants to borrow a variety of photos and anything else supporters have which might provide fond memories for former players and the club's wide supporter base.

And all past players and officials are asked to contact the club, you should phone Robert Hrzic on 9312 3584 or email admin@melbourneknights.com.au

## Knights announce guest

Last week ABSW forecast another major guest signing was imminent at Sommers Street.

We can now reveal the guest is Chillian striker Gustavo Biscayzacu.

He finished second-highest scorer in Chile's first division last season with 23 goals in 30 starts for his team, the Santiago Morning club.

Morning avoid relegation partly due to his feats, he was selected in the league's team of the year and he earned himself a contract in Spain's second division.

Chile's leading club Colo Colo, who toured Melbourne last year tried unsuccessfully to sign him.

Biscayzacu has been offered to the Knights for a guest stint of six matches although Knights General Manager, Robert Hrzic told ABSW the club was hopeful the term would exceed 6 games.

Biscayzacu, a Uruguayan national, was sent to Buenos Aires to speed up the visa application process at the Australian embassy.

The Knights are hoping he will be here within a few weeks which would enable him to play in the local derby at Bob Jane on 17 November.

## Second Division Doubt

Officials at South Melbourne and the Knights both raised serious doubts over the viability of a second division.

Officials at both clubs are sceptical about the proposals from clubs including Green Gully, Bulleen and the renegade Preston Lions who are reported as leading a Victorian group seeking to form a second division of the NSL next year.

Despite the Victorian and

New South Wales Federations supposedly supporting the initiative and a meeting in Sydney last week addressing issues such as entry criteria, funding, salary caps, ground standards and set-up costs both Victorian Clubs question the financial viability and of the proposal.

Both clubs raised the lack of corporate sponsorship — both raised the high cost of interstate travel and accommodation, the insurance costs, security and questioned the capacity to enforce a proposed salary cap.

"Other than wages they'll incur the same travel, accommodation, insurance and operating costs we do. And they'll find it even harder to



Con Boutsianis: Spotted at South Melbourne's last home match.

get sponsorship so who knows where they get their figures from" an official told ABSW.

And the suggestion they could operate a club on an annual budget of \$500,000 was ridiculed by NSL heavies.

## Boutsis Watches — And Talks

Con Boutsianis can't seem to keep himself out of the news.

On Sunday night he was seated in a prominent position, just in front of the new media box, in the members grandstand watching his team mates draw 1-1 with Sydney United.

Between interviews and discussions with fans he witnessed an impressive debut from Souths newly signed striker, Peter Baird.

Then he spent much of the week playing alongside many South Melbourne greats including the likes of Francis Awaritefe, John Anastasiadis, Alan Davidson and South coach, Danny Wright in the masters games at Fawcett Park. Naturally Boutsis was on the scoresheet with a nice goal against the USA.

Subsequently he provided a controversial interview where he expressed his desire to play for his "beloved" South Melbourne whom he said he "got to the finals last year".

His former team mates might suggest they too contributed to Souths improved

second half performance last season.

## Johnny Warren at South

This legend of Australian soccer is the guest speaker at South Melbourne's Presidents Lunch before this weekend's home fixture against Perth Glory.

With the ASC review, the SA turmoil and codes ongoing ability to attract controversy his comments are keenly sought.

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# RICHTER TO SCALE THE HEIGHTS

Ben Moring

South African born Jonathon Richter is well poised to make a significant mark upon the National Soccer League.

The 19-year-old right-winger is currently playing for

Sydney-based club Northern Spirit, after making the move away from family and friends in Brisbane.

Jonty, as he is affectionately referred to due to his birthplace also being shared with well-known South African cricketer Jonty Rhodes, is yet

another young player who has graduated from the successful AIS program and forced his way into the NSL.

Scoring the last-gasp 91st minute winner in his side's 3-2 triumph over the fancied South Melbourne at Brookvale Oval on Saturday, Richter provided the perfect tonic and the win went some way to answering critics following their 4-1 home loss against the Kingz, followed by a 5-0 reverse at Newcastle in Round 3.

Despite those two hiccups, which also saw three players sent off, Richter believes the club has had a spirited start to the season and is confident that the North Sydney boys can really challenge for the 'Top 6' this campaign following a players meeting addressing those misdemeanours.

"We're mostly disappointed with the silly send-offs," he said.

"We have lost two and won one (prior to Saturday's win over South) and so we aren't doing too badly.

"We had a chat with the guys and we decided to stop the send-offs, as we go OK with everyone on the pitch and only struggle with guys off.

"We have got a pretty good mix of young guys with the

older ones and they are a really top bunch of blokes. The younger guys learn a lot from the older guys and especially the ones that have gone overseas like Ian Ferguson."



Jonathon Richter.

Despite being delighted with making his debut for Spirit this season against the Kingz in Round 2, Jonty was also a little sad and unlucky not to play in front of family and friends when his side travelled to Brisbane to tackle the Strikers in the opening round of this season's competition.

Richter was forced to watch the match from the sidelines serving out a suspension, which carried over from last season.

Richter told ABSW, "My debut was supposed to be against Brisbane which would have been good as my family are from Brisbane.

"I was very excited to be given my chance (against the Kingz), Lawrie (McKinnon) gave me that chance and I was very nervous before the game, but settled into it as the match went on and I just wanted to perform.

"The result wasn't the best, but I enjoyed the experience."

Another youngster who currently leads the strike force at Marconi, Alex Brosque, underwent a torrid time when one journalist made claims that he would rather play for Uruguay than Australia. So where do Richter's loyalties lie?

"I would probably play for Australia," said Richter.

"Australia has put a lot into my development, the AIS and all that. "I'd also like to play for South Africa because that's where I was born, but I would play for Australia as this is where I got my chance."

Jonty is better placed than

most to make comment upon the state of football in South Africa and explains that for many young players, soccer offers them an escape from conditions that are not shared by young players here in Australia.

"South Africa did well at the World Cup," he states.

"Many players have gone overseas and that has helped the national team.

"For black kids in South Africa, that is their sport and it's their way out of poverty.

"A lot of those kids live in harsh places, so they want to make life better for themselves and their family and that really



Richter in action during last week's match against South Melbourne.

## FACT FILE

Name: Jonathon Richter  
Age: 19  
Club: Northern Spirit  
Position: Right wing  
Former Clubs: AIS, QAS, North Star  
Honours: AIS Old Under-13s to Under-16s

pushes them."

A far cry from the Australian Institute of Sport, where talented youth need not worry about anything but honing their football skills and prowess. This experience was also one that the Spirit winger holds very fondly and made comment:

"The AIS was a really good experience and we had really good coaches. A lot of coaches would not have been able to teach us tactically as well as they did and it really helped me out.

"That place was the best, everything is taken care of and playing soccer every day is a dream. You didn't have to worry about anything."



# Letters to the Editor

## GUEST PLAYERS IN OZ?

Dear Sir,  
For so long we've seen the play of National League clubs buy or loan players from overseas clubs in hope of getting more people to the matches.

Statistics show that it has been one big waste of time with so many so called professionals coming to this country and performing at a below par level.

Examples are as follows: Nicola Berti of Northern Spirit.

This guy was said to be a god in Italy. A player with the ability to score goals for fun. Many North Sydney fans were anxiously awaiting the former Italian star.

Behold the flop he was. I don't think he had a chance to score any goals whilst his time here in Australia. If that was a former Italian international at his so called best than I'm the Prime Minister of Australia.

Peter Beardsley of the Melbourne Knights.

I admired him as a player at Liverpool and Newcastle but I'm sorry to say he really did himself a lot of damage playing for the Knights.



Peter Beardsley shown in his Melbourne Knights outfit.

He was overweight, unfit and yet he was given the all clear to play for the Knights in crucial matches in the National League, how desperate was that?

Sampson Siasia of the Perth Glory.

Perth Glory's Nigerian international was also one of those players that people expected a lot from, but did little to further his reputa-

tion. Known for scoring many goals for his National Team, he hardly troubled our National League defenders let alone the hitting the back of the net.

There are a few more I can name but I am glad players such as Eric Cantona who was a brilliant player and the more recent rumour of Paul Gascoigne coming to the Kingz all became just a myth.

These guys especially were terrific players in their hey-days but lacing the boots up one more time in our National League is simply a joke.

I hope National League clubs have learnt from their previous mistakes of allowing so called superstars from overseas clubs to join them.

It really does play a joke on a league, clubs waste enormous amounts of money on these players who perform way below their best.

The best option to fight this would be to give more juniors a chance - they are our future, they need more exposure.

Mitchell Ledger,  
Newtown, NSW.

## THE FORCE MUST BE HEARD

Dear Sir,  
Regarding the issue on Adelaide City Force wanting to play their entire home matches at Norwood Oval I think should be given more thought by Soccer Australia.

It's unfair how the club with President Bob D'Ottavi are trying to cut costs for the side, get their proposals shunned away by soccer's governing body of Australia.

The club is trying to do something good for the game, Hindmarsh Stadium is a terrific facility to have, but its very expensive to maintain.

Norwood Oval will bring that English Soccer atmosphere to the game. A nice ground surrounded by

terraces, the backdrop does remind me of some pitches in England.

I'm a local resident in Norwood and I for one would know that many people would go and support the team if the move does come to the forum.

I don't know how far this issue will be pursued by the Force however D'Ottavi has taken a strong stance in not giving up on their plight to play at Norwood.

I think SA should give them a fair go, let them play at Norwood for a few matches and if its successful, crowds improve and so forth then let them stay.

Reasoning with them would be the best option I say, it keeps both sides

happy and at the end of the day, soccer is the real winner.

One thing's for sure, the Force do have a team capable of making the top six this season, it be nice to see them play in front of a decent crowd once more.

For quite some time now since the golden years of Tobin, Melta, Ivanovic, Mori and co, we of Adelaide have been neglected of a good side.

I have a good feeling about this season, let's hope we can make it one to remember.

Go the Force!  
John Stanic,  
Norwood, South Australia.

## GET NICKED!

Dear Sir,  
How pleasing it was to see the Power fall to my beloved Sharks during the heated round 3 clash.

It brought a big smile to my face seeing the blue and white boys claim the three points in a tough encounter between both sides.

It was certainly a game full of entertainment and I as a Sharks supporter knew it was a wake up call for the boys.

Nick Theodorakopoulos did his homework in shutting down a few of the Sharks players however their side was very ill disciplined.

Two red cards saw the Power drift away and at the end of the day, the lads came up trumps in a great match.

Played in front of a good crowd for a Monday night match was also another plus for Australian soccer.

It feels good though beating the hot heads of the West though, so much has been expected from them yet little has been seen in terms of points, however they did play some good football against the Sharks.

All the Power team needs is some time to gel together I think. Next round at Toyota Park though, its going to be one way traffic when we meet up with them once more - back to back championships for Olympic this year! O-LYM-PIC O-LYM-PIC!

Steve Brinias,  
Kogarah, NSW.

## Great Work Guys

Dear Sir,  
It's pleasing to see that the Weekly has provided its readers with the best information possible on the commencement of the National League.

As a soccer supporter of the Spirit, I'm happy to see that the coverage in your paper has lifted greatly since previous years with more information on the National League in terms of the match reports and statistics.

It's literally non-existent to find a publication that has the information a supporter needs in keeping up to date with the game apart from the various web sites, the Weekly has certainly filled that void.

Now with no television coverage of any of the National League matches it's near impossible to find out how every game was played unless you pick up 4-5 everyday newspapers from across Australia.

It's good to see that in one paper you can read what happened in every

game played in the National League in one hit.

Hope you guys keep up the information and keep the standard going.

Peter Curren,  
St Ives, NSW.

P.S: Love the Player of the Week, Bad Boy of the Week and the new column 'From the Dressing Sheds'.



## Zelic more important than Farina

Dear Sir,  
The controversy between Zelic and Farina has been raised recently which brings me to the following discussion...I am definitely not a fan of Frank Farina as National Team coach...He was a good player and would still be a good coach in the National League competition but that's all.

In my eyes, he was not ready to take control of the National Team. Since his appointment of coach, apart from the Confederation Cup, he has not achieved anything. His number one objective was to qualify for the World Cup 2002 - he failed.

Terry Venables failed and he was rightly shown the door, but

what's so special about Farina? Why does he have so much support?

Other countries would sack their National Team coach for even less of a reason, but even after another heartbreaking qualification campaign, Soccer Australia appointed Farina for the next campaign.

His selection of players on the field was dull and imaginative, as was the system the team played. We played soccer that was too predictable and yet even though we had better quality players on the field than ever before, the team didn't shine and failed to play attractive soccer.

In the campaign when Australia lost so marginally to Argentina,



Ned Zelic - Former Socceroo.

the team didn't have the calibre of players as it had in the 2002 campaign but if we looked at how we played, I think everyone would agree that the team played some good soccer and failed because

they simply weren't good enough. What annoys me about the 2002 campaign is that we were good enough. Ned Zelic is another issue. No doubt he would have been an asset to the team. It seems that Farina underestimated his value to the team by stating that he doesn't need Zelic. What a joke - Zelic stating he didn't want to play for Australia obviously highlighted that there was a personal problem between himself and Farina. The bottom line is that if Zelic wants to play for his country he should be allowed, simple as that. I only hope Farina comes to his senses but something tells me that Zelic won't get his chance.

Ante Boras,  
Bell Park, VIC.

## APOLOGIES

Dear Sir,  
I just want to express the dissatisfaction I had during the Parramatta Power and Olympic Sharks match played at Parramatta Stadium a few weeks back.

The game itself was outstanding. I thought it was one of the best matches I've seen in a long time and I credit both sides for playing brilliant football.

Being a Parra supporter I think the side itself has changed for the better and from that game I've seen a side worthy of making the top six come end of the season.

On a sour note I'd like to apologise to all Power fans of the abusive behaviour of some, not all Olympic supporters during the match.

I am a Power supporter and of Greek background. My parents were both born in Greece and I to have taken up the language and its customs.

I was however upset to see the behaviour of some supporters swearing in Greek and making crude comments towards the Power supporters during the match.

I think this sought of behaviour should be condoned. We are in Australia and yet I saw many un-Australian things happen during the game.

Many youngsters who went to the match were obviously shocked at many comments heard in the terraces, what kind of an example is this to our youth of today?

If we want people to come back to our games we must be at our best in making them want to come back.

I hope that for soccer's sake we fix this problem up, its sickening to see it happen but we need to enforce rules of some sort to limit these improper acts played out by a minority of supporters.

Angelo Vrahas,  
Baulkham Hills, NSW.

## TALENT DRAIN

Dear Sir,  
What ever happened to those "boy wonders"?

The ones we have all played against as children. You remember those players who showed so much aptitude for the game at an early age but for a number of varied reasons the "Boy Wonders" rarely progressed beyond the age of 16 and in most cases simply faded away due to other distractions, social interests or just unable to successfully transfer to senior soccer.

Yes, I know there is always an exception but unfortunately exceptions do not make up a strong and competitive league or a winning National team.

So why is it then, when apparently talented young players, like

Adam Hardy (ABSW 17/09/02), who appear to show certain playing qualities beyond their age, that there is this an immediate need to place these talented individual overseas to learn his or her trade.

Other countries look upon Australia as the pre-eminent leader in the development of its young sporting elite regardless of the code in question.

The results produced by Australia's sporting men and women speak for themselves and the results are attributable not only to the personal commitment, dedication and mental strength of the individual sports person but also to the quality of the coaching personnel available to them in this country.

The facilities and expertise that



Youngsters making the trek overseas might not be beneficial in the long-term for their footballing careers.

young talented players are able to access through the various Institutes of sport plus the many sports scientist this country produces can assist and develop any outstanding talent this country has to offer.

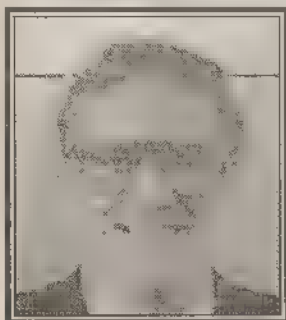
Though to achieve and maintain success in any endeavour requires a certain amount of planning and preparation with individual considerations.

If clearly well thought-out, duly measured and successfully implemented then our constantly expanding talent pool would not see the need to contemplate a premature overseas move.

Stephen W Romp  
East Doncaster, Victoria.



# OFF THE CROSSBAR



By Allan Crisp

## LAST LAP FOR MEDAL HERO

Dual Sergio Melita Medal winner Bradley Armour intends to make next season his soccer swansong and expects to end his outstanding career with the White City Woodville Warriors.

Armour polled 37 points to win South Australia's coveted best and fairest award by a whopping 16-point margin from pre-count favourite Aaron Westervelt, the motor man midfielder of the Adelaide Galaxy.

A former Seaford Surfer player, Armour revealed all of the talents gleaned from playing 101 NSL games with Adelaide City over four seasons (1995-96 and 1998-99) when he scored five goals.

He first tasted the glory of medal success in 1992 with White City and proved that he is not a spent force by repeating the effort during the highly competitive 2002 season.

This time Armour amassed 10 first preference votes, three second and one third preference nod during a magnificent season when he missed just one of the 22 league games through suspension.

He began the campaign in sensational fashion, racking up four best on field three pointers by round 12.

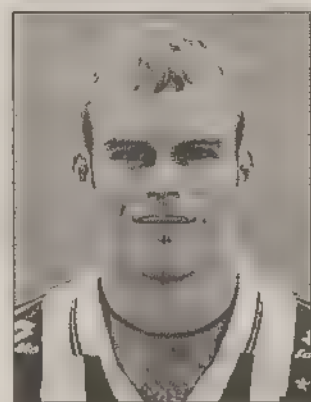
Armour more than doubled his tally in the following eight rounds

before picking up additional points in four of the last six matches.

Normally a central midfielder, Armour was fielded by his coach, Rocky Aloisi as a left-sided midfielder with the freedom to move forward.

Armour responded with seven goals while producing eye-catching performances that impressed the referees and the White City supporters.

Asked is he would consider returning to NSL ranks, Armour



Sergio Melita Medal winner Bradley Armour.

responded, "I've been out of the NSL scene now for four or five years now and I'm the wrong side of 30."

"Yes, I'm out of contract, but realistically I want to play another year. At the end of the day making a move to another club would be unrealistic when you want to finish your career at a certain club," he said.

Armour enjoyed his football this season and believed he had played up to his expectations, but nevertheless did not expect to win the medal by such a convincing margin.

"My relationship with the referees must have improved this year," quipped Armour, who was red-carded three times last season.

On the night he won his second

medal, Armour began the celebrations in the company of new Para Hills Knights player-coach Michael Brooks.

"Brookie and I go back a long way," Armour recalled. "We were room mates for the away games when we played for Adelaide City."

"That's one of the pluses in sport, you make lifelong friends among team mates and with opposition players."

And, that also could apply to referees Brad!

## LEADING AWARD

VOTE GRABBERS  
PREMIER LEAGUE

### MELITA MEDAL

Brad Armour (White City)	37
Aaron Westervelt (Galaxy)	21
Rick Cerracchio (Raiders)	19
Michael Brooks (Blue Eagles)	17
David Miller (Playford Patriots)	17
David Menechella (MetroStars)	16
Lachlan Campbell (Campbelltown)	15
Mark Moore (Para Hills)	14
Nathan Day (MetroStars)	13
Kosta Salapatis (Olympic)	13
Scott Morrison (Raiders)	13
Donato Deleso (Blue Eagles)	12
Vasilis Parhas (Blue Eagles)	11
George Goutzioulis (Galaxy)	11
Bill Misailidis (MetroStars)	15
Ken Tosh (Olympic)	15
Corey Artone (Blue Eagles)	10

## HOR TELFER MEDAL

STATE LEAGUE

Mark Mulady (Enfield Falcons)	26
Lemmy Vatsilas (Seaford)	21
Darren Steele (Enfield Falcons)	21
Nick Stamatiopoulos (Cobras)	19

Nick Mitchell (Cumberland)	19
Shane Savage (Noarlunga)	18
Marc Woods (Croydon)	17
Fraser Keegan (Hills Hawks)	15
Anthony Musolino (Croydon)	14
Sam Salvemini (Demons)	13
Joe Amato (Port Pirie)	13
Matt Blackwood (Salisbury)	13

## MILLER TAKES CHARGE AT PLAYFORD

Fearless goalkeeper David Miller is about to make the well worn transition from player to coach after accepting to replace Alby Kidd as chief mentor at Playford Patriots.

Miller, the elder statesman of a bevy of soccer playing brothers, has honed his leadership skills in 156 NSL games with West Adelaide Sharks, Heidelberg and the Melbourne Knights.

Big Dave has screamed instructions to team-mates from the sanctity of his goalmouth for longer than he cares to remember.

Now he will relinquish his player status to concentrate all his voice and vigour to his new task of keeping Playford Patriots in the forefront of finals football.

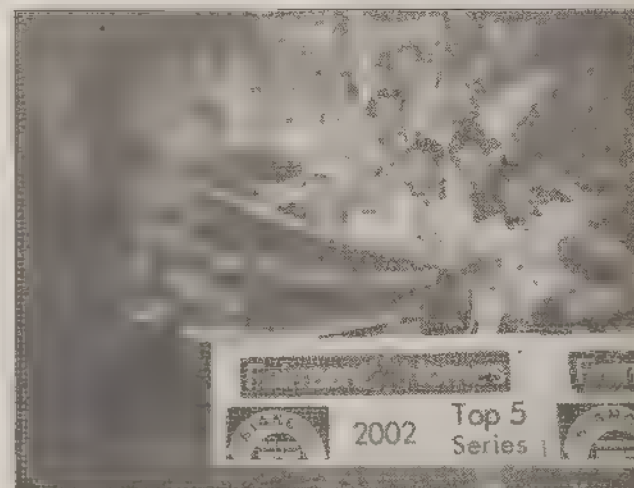
He was a key member of the South Australian Youth team that won the Australian championship and was chosen in the Soccerroo Youth squad.

Millers enthusiasm and zest for the sport knows no limits and has taken him overseas to play in Malaysia and Singapore.

## NASH OFF TO FULHAM

SA Under 16 captain Keegan Nash left the Joeys camp at Valentine Sports Park on Thursday to fly off to the UK for trials with Fulham.

Recently chosen in the Under 17 Australian squad, defender Nash is a former SAIS graduate



The Raiders took out this year's Premier League under rookie coach Michael Petrillo.

## NEW CHAMPIONS

South Australia has a new Premier League champion in Raiders and a new State League winner in the Croydon Kings.

Raiders could not have planned their success more appropriately as their Grand Final victory over the Blue Eagles coincided with their 50th anniversary celebrations.

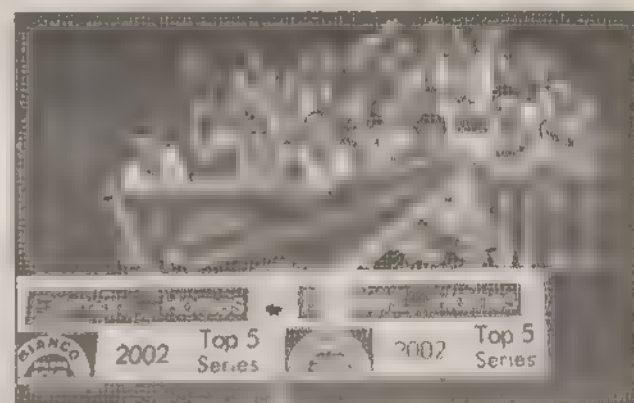
Raiders last won the major Premier League honour in 1997 when Alby Kidd was coach.

This time rookie coach Michael

Petrillo pulled the strings and was fittingly hailed as the PL Coach of the Year.

Meanwhile, Croydon guided by another young coach Ernie Loungo spent just one season in the State League before climbing back to the Premier division.

Shane Porter, hero of the Kings home and away campaign and their take no prisoners finals battles, has hung up his boots, but will continue at Polonia Reserve in a supportive coaching role to former Adelaide City player Loungo.



Croydon Kings were crowned State League winners this

## Wollongong Wolves Football Kingz

The Wollongong Wolves remain unbeaten in the NSL, but again struggled to find the back of the net in their 0-0 draw with the Football Kingz at WIN Stadium.

The result did not change the ladder with both sides remaining in the top six, but Wolves officials will be frustrated after seeing several quality chances wasted.

The crowd of 3681 at WIN Stadium had little to enthuse about, with the home side enjoying the balance of play but unable to finish off a series of half-chances.

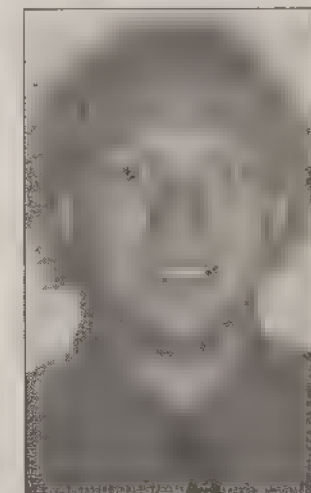
The Kingz contributed to an open game in which both teams played with three strikers in a 3-4-3 formation.

While Steven Turner and Mark Atkinson were steady in midfield, others did not show the same commitment, often surrendering possession which allowed the home side to press forward and put the Kingz' defence under pressure.

Again it needed some good anticipation and a couple of reflex saves from goalkeeper Michael Utting to keep the Kingz' goal intact.

While some turnovers came from an all-too-keen desire to get forward, others were simply sloppy under little or no pressure.

Having done their homework,



Shane Lyons was stand-out for the Wolves side.

the Wolves gave Chilean Patricio Almendra little room, but he still produced a couple of masterly touches.

Veteran right back David Cervinski and right midfielder Shane Lyons were subjected to more than a fair share of pressure as the Kingz focused much of their early attacking efforts through their left flank.

The second half was dominated by Wollongong, with Liam Austin getting forward to test the Kingz' defence. He set up chances that his strikers should have made better use of.

The best fell to Zeljko Babic in the 72nd minute when he easily beat Hiroshi Miyazawa's challenge but, from point-blank range, failed to threaten the Kingz goal.

Two minutes after replacing Jeff Campbell, Paul Urlovic played a corner to the lurking Almendra whose dipping shot all but deceived Wolves' keeper Andrew Crews.

The Kingz finished the stronger of the two sides and were unlucky not to snatch an unlikely win when Wolves' goalkeeper Andrew Crews stopped a solid strike by Andrew Vlahos in the final minute.

# SOCCER WOMAN

- By Janene Mar

## WNSL 2002/03 ROUND ONE

### ECLIPSE OVERPOWER PRIDE

CANBERRA ECLIPSE 4 (Amy Taylor 9m, Amy Wilson 61m, Tal Karp 70m, Kristyn Swaffer 80m)  
NORTHERN NSW PRIDE 0 at West Belconnen Leagues Club, Canberra

Reigning champions Canberra Eclipse, fielding all five of their available Mauidas, overpowered the young Northern NSW Pride for a 4-0 victory on Sunday. Canberra dominated possession throughout although didn't combine with real effect until the second half.

Amy Taylor gave Eclipse the early lead nine minutes in with a stunning strike from 35 metres wide on the right which flew into the top corner of the net. For the remainder of the half, neither team was able to string it together in the final third, and the battle was played out in the middle of the park.

Canberra showed more promising signs early after the break, and doubled their lead midway through the second interval. Kristyn Swaffer's header was blocked and in the ensuing scramble, the ball came back out off the goal line, pun-balled off the leg of Amy Wilson and looped into goal.

Tal Karp scored Canberra's third in the 70th minute, a sweet strike swerving into goal from 25 metres on the right. Canberra scored number four in the

dying minutes, former Mauidas defender Swaffer winning more in a goal-mouth scramble in her first league match back from a three year absence.

Eclipse - Marzotto, Borucinski (Brew 85), Swaffer, Davies, Taylor, Thomson, P Hepperlin (Stanforth 76), Karp, Rukavina (D Hepperlin 75), Munoz, Wilson (Parker 62).

Pride - Logue (Hunter 14), Alley, Shepherd (Stevens 43) (Aitwill 76), Dunne, McMinn, Ingles, Neilson, Baker, Colthorpe, Crawford, Gill (Wilson 63).

### SENSATION OUTPLAY VICTORIA

ADELAIDE SENSATION 3 (Lisa De Vanna 8m, 90m, Stacey Stocco 39m)  
VICTORIA VISION 1 (Sarah Groenewald 91+m) at Kingston Heath Soccer Complex, Melbourne

Adelaide Sensation kicked off the opening day of the WNSL season with an emphatic 3-1 win over Victoria Vision on Saturday in Melbourne.

Sensation pushed forward from the opening whistle and after just eight minutes scored the first goal of the season in fine style. De Vanna weaved her way past three defenders before finishing off the job. Vision goalkeeper Melissa Barbieri, who had only flown in from the US with the Mauidas this morning, got her hand to the ball but was unable to stop it going in.

Adelaide doubled their lead six minutes before the break, Stocco with a 35 metre rocket into the top right corner of

goal giving Barbieri no chance. Sensation finally claimed their third goal in the 40th minute. Stocco laying the ball into the six yard box for De Vanna who shrugged off her opponent before finding the back of the net for the second time. A minute into stoppage time, Victoria scored a consolation goal, Groenewald released with a Kurawy through ball and slotting home, the goal her first ever in the league.

Vision - Barbieri, Smith, Mueller, Black (Skvarc 75), Lamb, Fitzgerald, Groenewald, Bisby, Terek (Humbie 32), Maza (Dimitreska 57), Angelucci (Kurawy 32).

Sensation - Trimbour, May, Benoit, Blacker (Burgess 82), Kalanos, Slater (Walsh 77), Madden, Stocco, Papageorgiou, Sabljak (Balomenos 64), De Vanna.

## THIS WEEKEND ROUND 2

Sat 19 Oct: Adelaide Sensation v NSW Sapphires 3.00pm - Marden Sports Complex, Adelaide  
Sun 20 Oct: Queens and Sting v Northern NSW Pride, 11.00am - Coffs Harbour International Stadium  
Sun 20 Oct: Victoria Vision v Canberra Eclipse, 1.00pm - Truscott Reserve, Bendigo

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# "The Politics of Korean Football"



By Steve Doszpot

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The Asian financial crisis, which hit Korea in 1997, seriously wounded its national pride and people's self-confidence. The election of President Kim Dae Jung, however, and his strong resolve to restructure South Korea through austerity and tenacity made sure that the world started to take Korea seriously as a legitimate democracy and as an emerging major force in Asia.

The 2002 World Cup was seen as a strategic step in "re-branding" South Korea to the rest of the world. Dr Chung Mong Joon the President of the Korea Football Association began the tough task of bidding for the World Cup. The connection with Australia is interesting in that one of the major contributors to the Korean bid was Dr Song Young-Shik, the former Ambassador to Trinidad - Tobago, was the Secretary General of the bid committee. In September 2001, the personable Dr Song was appointed as the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Australia.

After winning the bid as a joint Co-host with Japan, Korea invested a total of 2 trillion won, or roughly US\$1.78 billion into the construction of 10 soccer stadiums around the country.

While this investment was

unprecedented in previous world cup preparations by any country, the economic side effects to be brought to the host country were obviously also expected to be enormous. The Korea Development Institute (KDI), a major government think tank, estimated that value added inducement effects would amount to over 3.72 trillion won (about US\$3.32 billion) and around 8 trillion won (US\$7.14 billion) was expected to be added to the nation's gross domestic product (GDP).

I first began to take an interest in South Korea during the Sydney Olympic Games opening ceremony in September 2000, when the "Friendly Games" saw an impressive show of unprecedented Co-operation between North & South Korean Athletes as they walked out together to a very emotional welcome from the

couldn't help reflecting that here I was an Australian of Hungarian origin with an Australian / Scottish colleague, waiting to meet a Korean Academic in an Irish Pub (O'Kims) in downtown Seoul to discuss ways to strengthen the Economic Partnership between Australia and Korea.

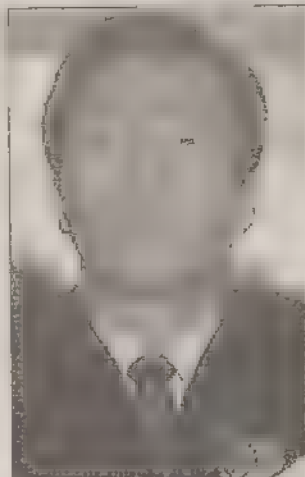
(Our Study resulted from a commitment by Prime Minister Howard and President Kim Dae - Jung and their respective Trade Ministers Mark Vaile of Australia and his Korean counterpart Dr Han Duck-Soo, to strengthen the bilateral economic relationship between Australia and Korea.)

When our Korean colleague arrived to discuss our respective study strategies regarding bilateral trade, our conversation began with animated discussion about the 2002 Korea -

improbable Korean Football adventure are still continuing with the possibility of Dr Chung Mong-Joon the popular Korea Football Association, President, being swept to power as the next President of the Republic of Korea.

Born in 1951 in Pusan, Chung Mong-Joon is the youngest son of the late Hyundai founder Chung Ju-Yung. He graduated from Seoul National University with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and continued his studies at MIT and Johns Hopkins University in the United States, where he earned a Ph.D. in international relations.

He became CEO of Hyundai Heavy Industries in 1987 and was elected to the Korean Parliament as an independent in 1988 and has retained his Parliamentary position through 4 successive campaigns.



Dr Chung Mong-Joon: The powerful President of the Korean Football Association.

The World Cup has served as a powerful unifying agent in South Korea and created the conditions for an unprecedented and continued outpouring of national pride. Chung, the architect of this phenomena, has earned unprecedented

forces such as the United Liberal Democrats

While the popular betting was that the pragmatic Chung would be enticed to the MDP where there is a growing sense of frustration with their presidential candidate Roh Moo-Hyun.

It now seems more probable that Chung will form a new party, perhaps recruiting disenfranchised MDP Parliamentarians, who have threatened to leave the party unless Roh renounces his bid, as it is felt that the continuing decline in his (Roh's) popularity has contributed to the party's crushing defeats in local and parliamentary elections in June and August, and is a warning sign of a December debacle for the MDP with its current candidate.

Chung's critics have claimed that despite his lengthy term in office he has done almost nothing as a politician and that he is opportunistically trying to take advantage of the Korean public's euphoria over the success of the World Cup finals for political gain.

It has also been pointed out that while his platform includes combating corruption and the forging of national reconciliation, he cannot point to any anti-corruption activity that he has championed in the past.

There are also questions regarding his wealth being a political liability, along with the influence of his powerful Hyundai connections, and the frequent comparisons with his father's unsuccessful presidential bid in 1992.

While Chung has yet to face the intense public scrutiny to determine whether he has what it takes to become the next president of Korea, and his critics hope the World Cup bubble will burst by December 19 - Chung is growing in confidence (and popularity) and has remained firm on his stated policy based on seeking national harmony and looking to the future instead of clinging to the past.

The opinion polls indicate that Chung is just slightly behind the GNP candidate Lee, but has already overtaken the MDP candidate Roh, and according to the political strategists, if the election were to end up being a two-way race, Chung would have an excellent chance of defeating Lee.

So the term "political football" could indeed take on a new dimension in Korea as the polls seem to support Chung's confidence in gaining the Presidency.



Ties between North & South Korea are beginning to ease as shown above in a friendly match that was played earlier this year.

100,000 spectators at Stadium Australia.

Six months later I was in Seoul heading up a study on behalf of the Australia Korea Foundation (AKF) regarding Korea and the enhancement of bilateral trade with Australia. I

Japan FIFA World Cup to be held the following year. It was not bravado about Korea's chances at the World Cup but rather a nervous dissertation about the possibility of Korea suffering severe embarrassment through unfavorable comparisons with their Co-hosts Japan. This nervousness was reflected every time we bought up the question of chook goo (Soccer) with people from all walks of life in Korea - "what if Japan win some games & we don't".

South Korea in fact created history by becoming the first Asian nation to reach the semi finals of the World Cup and their "Red Devils" captured the hearts and minds of not only their Korean fans but also the huge global television audience that was captivated by their courageous performances.

The ramifications of this

He was elected as a Vice President of FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association) in 1994 and became the Co-chairman of KOWOC (the Korean Organizing Committee for the 2002 FIFA World Cup Korea-Japan). His personal wealth is said to be around 172 billion won (US\$151 million).

The building blocks of Chung's personal and professional development have converged, culminating on Tuesday 24 September 2002 in the declaration of his bid to contest the December 19 Korean Presidential Elections.

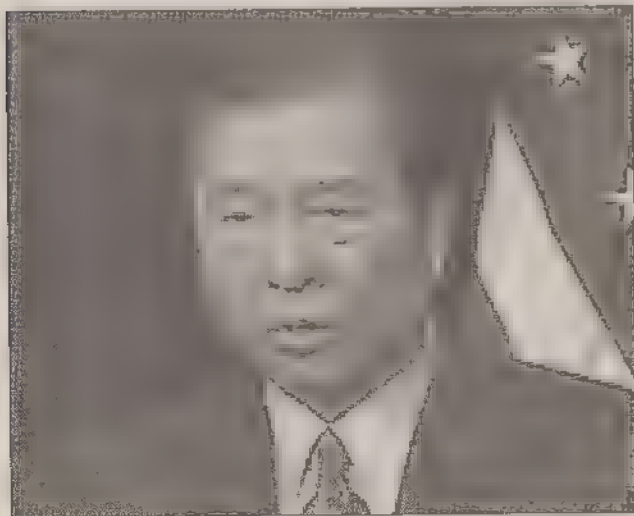
His unquestioned passion and determination for Korean national reconciliation and revolutionary political reform, is also fuelled by thwarted family ambitions and political pragmatism learned from his father's unsuccessful Korean presidential bid in 1992.

kudos, his approval rating has since surged ahead and topped those of other presidential candidates in most opinion polls, making him a serious contender in the coming presidential election.

It is little wonder then that Chung, the Independent four-term Parliamentarian was being seriously courted by the Millennium Democratic Party (MDP) to join its effort to revitalize the current ruling party.

The MDP Presidential candidate is falling behind the opposition candidate Lee Hoi-Chang, of the Grand National Party (GNP), due in part to a series of corruption scandals that have implicated President Kim Dae-Jung's two sons and former aides.

To date, however, Chung, has rejected all offers from the major parties and instead said he would form a new party by joining with other political



Kim Dae Jung: South Korean President.



# The Public Face Of The Melbourne Knights -

## Luciano Trani



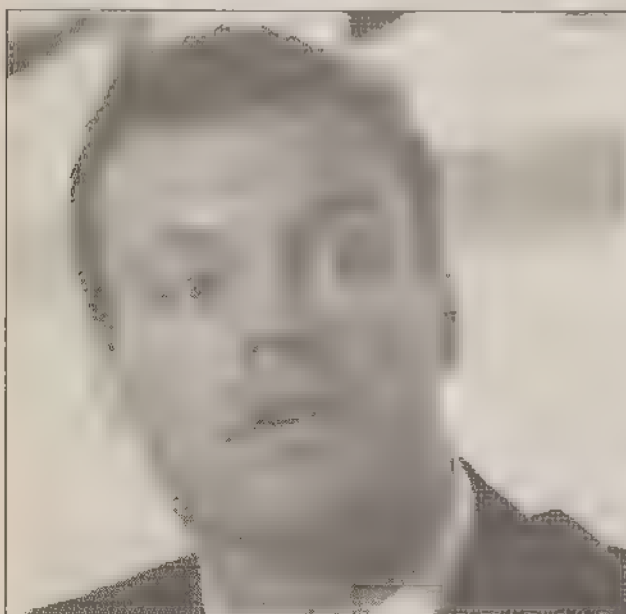
By Daniela Raco

He is the public face of the Melbourne Knights. Assistant Coach LUCIANO TRANI has been involved with the Knights both at a youth development level and in his current role as Assistant to the "hard-man" and his boss Andrew Marth.

Luc is passionate about the game, and in all things soccer. As the Knights enjoy a break between rounds (yes, it's their "bye" weekend) Luc speaks to ABSW about dressing room cappers, emerging talent, and his divided loyalties between Italy and Croatia.

**DR: How did your association with soccer begin?**

A painter, with a passion for soccer, came to my house at the age of eight and I asked where I could play and he mentioned Brunswick Juventus. I started playing in 1976, and finished up in 1999 with Brunswick City. I initially combined both the play-



Andrew Marth: Trani's partner in crime at the Knights.

ing and coaching, but as my commitments at the Knights grew I eventually gave away the playing. I started with the Knights in 97-98 coaching the Under 15's, and this has led to my current role as Assistant Coach

**DR: Describe your role as Assistant Coach alongside the Knights' "tower of strength" player-coach Andrew Marth.**

It's a funny role. Andrew "Stabber" Marth selects the first fifteen and squad for upcoming games. Obviously if I see something wrong during play, the message will go out to the closest player to the bench or Stabber himself. We have a trust between us that is as comfortable as a partnership can be with him as player/coach and me as assistant. I can give him ten things to think about before/after a game, and if he takes away one of these things to think about and improve on, then I did my job.

**DR: Who is the more vocal on match day?**

Stabber is on the park, and I'm on the bench - the team hears it from both sides!

**DR: Do you ever get the inkling to just run out on the park and kick the ball yourself?**

Yes, but I can't do anything about it. I get constant reminders to sit on the bench.

**DR: Rate your own soccer skills out of 10.**

If I was to rate myself today - 5/10. But I get the opportunity to train with the boys and my game has improved two-fold.

**DR: A coach is as much a representative of the sport as the players themselves, and has an important role to fulfill with**

ment squads and identifying talents in their Under 12's. I assist in player analysis and both team and individual assessment before and after a match and for opposition teams. Also, when

difference in styles of play and the standard of play. To watch the game you need to genuinely love the sport. The turn-out is evident with our World Cup following and interest.



Luciano Trani: Melbourne Knights Assistant Coach.

Andrew Marth can't make training I take first team sessions.

**DR: Does the competition (NSL) have a future in its present form?**

No, because the image of the game and perceptions towards the game have changed. The game is unstable, and both Soccer Australia and clubs struggle financially. There are too many negatives about cutting budget, part-time clubs, and the general politics you hear and see within clubs. There is also a lack of exposure to assist the game improve its weaknesses. We need to increase media coverage. We need to stop dictating and highlight the positives. It's not all doom-and-gloom as portrayed

**DR: What makes soccer such a popular sport around the world?**

The skill, spectacular goals, creativity, flair, and imagination.

**DR: Is Australian soccer made up of sport lovers rather than soccer lovers?**

No, soccer lovers. When you compare the standard of play in this country to other countries around the world, there is a big

**DR: What are your thoughts on the current FIFA rule that prohibits players under the age of 18 to play for an overseas club?**

It is good, because we don't burn players out too early. We are controlling the progress of the individuals through education, social life, and soccer careers. This will then in turn enable them to fulfill a worthwhile career abroad

**DR: Is the talent drain harming the local game?**

Yes, but in a way it's good because we are constantly looking at the next batch coming through so the game reaps the rewards. Money from player transfers is going back into the game for not only the game, but its administration and for clubs to survive.

**DR: What league do you rate as the world's best?**

Italian League - tactical awareness and strategies. English Premier League - excitement and non-stop attacking style.

**DR: What is the best (or perhaps worst) excuse you've heard someone use for missing**

training?

A player called to say he couldn't make training because he was working. His father said he had "no working position". The player was off having rendezvous with his girlfriend.

**DR: Any early predictions for season 2002-2003?**

In no particular order these teams will make the Top 6  
-Olympic Sharks  
-Sydney United  
-Newcastle  
-Perth Glory  
-Brisbane  
-and of course "Knights".

**DR: How do you motivate your side to perform?**

By talking to them both individually and just general comments to the group. I lift the intensity by physically going out there and demonstrating it myself in front of the group what needs to be done. I participate in training and act as a player.

**DR: What qualities do you look for in players?**

Skill, good temperament, dedication, commitment, respect, speed, stamina, strength, a team strategy, good football sense, and the ability to carry out instructions correctly.

**DR: Who is the last person you would like to be stuck in an elevator with?**

Mike Tyson - he might bite my ear off.

Indians, Cowboys, and Saloon bars).

**DR: If you could choose any actor to play you in a movie, who would it be?**

Al Pacino.

**DR: What is your favourite late night snack?**

Salada biscuits and cheese.

**DR: Who would you trade places with for a day?**

The Italian Senior Coach - Giovanni Trapattoni

**DR: What is the biggest misconception about sportsmen?**

They're only good at their sport.

**DR: If you could have any supernatural power, what would it be?**

To be one of the "Charmed" ones

**DR: What animal (or thing) best describes your personality?**

A lion. I'm quiet at times until the loudness creeps out - by that stage I'm fuming.

**DR: What is the first thing you do when you arrive home?**

Say "hello" to the family members.

**DR: If you could have box seats at any event in the world, what would it be?**



One of Trani's favourite actors is Mr Godfather himself Al Pacino.

**DR: Do you follow the AFL?**

Yes, Essendon.

**DR: If you could travel back in time, where would you go?**

The Wild West (John Wayne.

Giovanni Trapattoni: Trani would like to trade places with Italy's number one for the day.

A World Cup Final between Italy and Croatia.

**DR: How would you spend your last \$50?**

Eating Food.



# NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE 2002/03

## Australian Institute of Sport ... 2 Marconi Stallions

By Graham Cooke

A cracking drive by midfielder Billy Celestki brought the Australian Institute of Sport their first National Youth League win of the season, and raised the rage of Marconi Stallions coach Doug Utjesenovic.

It was not the manner of the goal that incensed the coach, rather its timing more than four minutes into stoppage time at the end of the game, which until then had seemed destined to result in a 1-1 draw.

"I can't believe the referee [David Wiebe] added so much time on," he said. "What was the need for it? He added less than half a minute on to the end of the first half and the second was not so different."

"I had the feeling he was waiting for the AIS to score."

The goal added a note of controversy to a game that had been fast-paced, full of action and excitement. In the end the institute, playing just their second NYL game of the season, deserved the points because they created more chances, although most were neutralised by a Marconi defence in which goalkeeper Stacy Alogdellis and the tough-tackling Robert D'Arrigo were outstanding.

Joel Theissen opened the scoring for the institute when he took a 17th minute free kick from well out on the left, and contrived to steer the ball through a mass of defenders and the unsighted

Alogdellis.

The AIS continued to have more of the play and for a while at the beginning of the second half rained strikes in on the Marconi goal, but it was the visitors who scored next - through a penalty taken by Goce Trposki after Wiebe had judged a foul on substitute Marko Minic.

With eight minutes of ordinary time remaining Wiebe awarded another penalty, this time at the other end for a foul on Matt Anstey, but Alogdellis deflected Nick Stavroulakis' spot kick

AIS: Federici, Hughes, Lilly, Downes, Masalik, Bosnar, Celestki, Stavroulakis, Jankovski, Anstey, Theissen. Substitutes used: Nedelkovic, Waldon.

Marconi Stallions: Alogdellis, D'Arrigo, Polito, Busch, Grenel, Mengi, Saiti, L., Pearson, Anabalon, Trposki, Orscho. Substitutes used: Hadzic, Minic.

Referee: David Wiebe  
Crowd: 60

against the upright and out.

That was not the end of the incident as from the resulting corner Alogdellis brought off a reaction save from Ian Waldron.

Their matters rested until the dramas of stoppage time, although nothing should detract from the manner in which Celestki took his chance to produce the shot that finally beat the brilliant Marconi

## NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE 2002-03 NORTHERN DIVISION - RESULTS RD 4

FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER 2002

Wollongong Wolves Youth 4 Canberra Deakin 1  
(Bartlett 4', Delux 45', Mennillo 70', 87') (Spaleta 67')

SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 2002

Northern Spirit Youth 2 ACTAS 0  
(Fon 37', Walsh 63')

AIS 2 Marconi Stallions Youth 1  
(Celestki, Theissen) \* (Trposki)

SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER 2002

Marconi Mustangs 1 Newcastle United Youth 1  
(Somayji 29') (Libbesson 2')

Olympic Sharks Youth 4 QAS 0  
(Cawley 38', Orscho 51', 64', Paros 81')

BYE - Parramatta Power Youth  
BYE - Sydney United Youth

	P	W	D	B	L	F	A	Pts
Parramatta Power Youth	3	2	1	1	0	9	2	7
Olympic Sharks Youth	4	2	1	0	1	5	1	7
Northern Spirit Youth	4	2	1	0	1	4	2	7
Canberra Deakin	4	2	0	0	2	9	5	6
Newcastle United Youth	3	1	2	0	0	3	2	5
Wollongong Wolves Youth	3	1	1	0	1	7	5	4
AIS	2	1	1	2	0	2	1	4
Marconi Stallions Youth	3	1	0	1	2	3	4	3
QAS	2	1	0	0	1	2	5	3
Marconi Mustangs	3	0	1	0	3	1	9	1

goalkeeper.

AIS coach Steve O'Connor said his team had played with intensity and consistency. "Things are beginning to come together," he said.

"We pressured Marconi, won a lot of ball from ambushes and forced them to become very predictable in the way they played."

"In terms of the chances we created, we deserved to win."

The Spirit Youth cruise to a two-nil victory over the ACTAS.

Adam Foti and former U17 Joey Sean Walsh were the Spirit's goalscorers as the win spearheaded the North Sydney club to equal first position.

Sunday's youth games saw the young Marconi Mustangs record a credible one-all draw with a tough Newcastle United Youth squad.

While finally the Olympic Sharks side smacked the youthful

QAS four-nil to make it two wins for the season.

Morgan Cawley (son of tennis legend Evonne Goolagong) and young South Australian born Saranti Paros notched up a goal each while exciting young striker Tolgay Orscho scored a brace that lifted him to three goals for the season.

Parramatta Power and Sydney United both had the bye.

ACTAS	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Sydney United Youth	2	0	0	1	2	1	8

## FIXTURES ROUND 5

Newcastle United Youth v Wollongong Wolves Youth

ACTAS v Marconi Mustangs

Parramatta Power Youth v AIS

Canberra Deakin v Olympic Sharks Youth

Sydney United Youth v Northern Spirit Youth

BYE - Marconi Stallions Youth

BYE - QAS

## NORTHERN DIVISION - RESULTS RD 5

VSF Development Squad	0	Melb. Knights Academy SC3	0
Heidelberg United SC	2	Preston Lions SC	1
Whittlesea Stallions SC	1	Bulleen Zebras SC	0
Melbourne Knights Youth SC	1	South Melbourne SC	0
Essendon Royals SC	0	Thomastown Devils SC	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. South Melbourne SC	5	4	1	0	17	4	13
2. Melbourne Knights Youth SC	4	4	0	0	13	1	12
3. Whittlesea Stallions SC	4	3	1	0	7	3	10
4. Thomastown Devils SC	4	2	1	1	6	3	7
5. Melbourne Knights Academy SC	3	2	0	1	6	4	6
6. Essendon Royals SC	5	2	0	3	5	5	6
7. Preston Lions SC	5	2	0	3	7	13	6
8. Bulleen Zebras SC	4	1	1	2	7	9	4
9. Heidelberg United SC	4	0	0	4	0	8	0
10. VSF Development Squad	6	0	0	6	0	18	0

## NYL Wrap - Northern Division

While in other National Youth League matches, the Wollongong Wolves Youth side recorded a four-one win over new boys Canberra Deakin.

The star of the show was Wolves first grader Dino Mennillo who bagged two goals. Mennillo is recovering from injury and should be back in Ron Corry's first team squad in the next few weeks.

Other scorers for Eddie Tessoro's young Wolves were Ben Bartlett and Leighal Dellis while Deakin's sole scorer was Michael Spaleta who recorded his second of the season.

Last Saturday's other fixture saw

## HAPPY SNAPS



By Daniela Raco

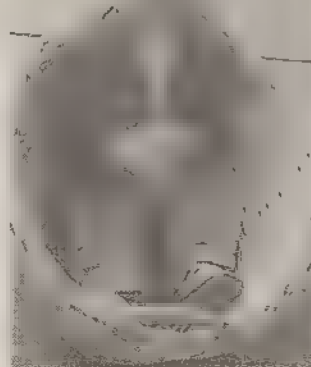
HAPPY BIRTHDAY from ABSW. Little Domenic Costanzo is one year old. The bubbly youngster has the smile of his mother Helen, and displays the early soccer prowess of his father Angelo.

ABSW first showcased little Dom to the soccer world little under a year ago. He is certainly a lot livelier and cheekier than when we first met.

On our latest meeting he had a particular fascination with

bright lights and a brotherly attachment to his sister Amal.

A regular attendee at home games, the little attention seeker already works his charm and draws the girls. Let's just say he fits in nicely at Club Marconi!



Domenic Costanzo

## SALLOUM TAKES OUT ACT'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR

By Graham Cooke

Elia Salloom, whose flair, speed and refusal to bow to adversity helped to take Canberra Olympic from early season write-offs to the ACT Premiership grand final, was named the territory's player of the year on Friday night.

After giving serious thought as to whether his soccer future was at Olympic, Salloom decided to stay with the club for the 2002 season, despite the loss of more than half the previous year's first-team squad through

retirements and transfers.

At first it appeared he had made the wrong decision as Olympic wallowed near the foot of the competition, but as coach Vic Fernandez gradually blended a team of squad players and raw youngsters into a winning outfit, Salloom's experience began to have a major impact, culminating in the hat-trick that ousted minor premier Canberra Deakin from the competition at the semi-final stage.

While the team was not able to master a determined Belconnen United in the grand final, the vote in favour of Salloom for

the major individual award of the year was a fitting consolation prize.

The work of Fernandez, who has now built three Olympic teams over the years, was acknowledged with the award of the coach of the year title.

Johnny Warren and Eric Lynes were inducted into the ACT hall of fame, while the golden boot went to Deakin's prolific marksman, Zvonko Usljebka.

The youth player of the year was Tal Karp of the ACT Academy of Sport and Monaro.

The under 23 award went to Simon Gemmell of

## PREMIERSHIP BIZARRO

Nige and Fergy here, from BananaTV's Premiership Bizarro. Every week we're going to give you our views and opinions on what's going on, and off, in the English Premiership.

There's been some ugly incidents in the Premiership over the years.

Eric "Can and Will" Cantona's kung fu kick on the charming Matthew Whateverhisface was at Selhurst Park, Polo The

Peacemaker persuading Paul Alcock to take a "dive" after lamping him, and many others. Just when you thought you'd seen it all, Eyal Berkovic has gone...berko.

Having taken a serious kicking from Welsh nancy-boy, John Hartson, whilst at West Ham, being called a girl by Patrice Vien, The Berkmeister has finally found someone he thinks can intimidate... a woman. After telling The Berk to get up after he fell in the area (again), Berko proceeded, foaming at the mouth, towards the woman drawing his finger across his throat in a slitting action. It's a good job she was in the stands you BERK. We don't doubt she would have rightly kicked your ass as well.

Upton Sheds, West Ham's lovely ground was experiencing employee work place disharmony again. In the Toby Jug Cup against mighty Chesterfield, Polo kicked the disharmony with a torrent of abuse for teammate Sebastian Schemmel. After the final whistle, Polo gives a load to Thomas Repla, who speaks Italian very

well. (unlike manager Glen Roederage). Glen didn't understand a word of what was said but interpreted the frenetic gesturing as a couple of passionate geezers having a good time in the name of West Ham.

Last week we reported that hairy Kenneth 'Norman' Bates had started work on bringing Chelsea's debt into line by not paying player bonuses. After argy barge and legal wranglings it seems that Ken got it right and PFA rep Graeme Le

Socks got it wrong. Congratulations hairy face, you stitched 'em up good and proper.

Sunderland Manager, Peter Reid got the sack this week. What is the surprise in that. The surprise is that the Sunderland Chairman didn't give him the dreaded pre-sacking vote of confidence.

Chairman Bob claimed that he didn't want to give Reid the vote of confidence because of the stigma that comes with it. Instead, he sent him on a holiday, and then sacked him! Look out league managers for your chairman bearing gifts of holidays.

Come in David O'Leary, your time at The Sun is up...The Premiership is sensational! No matter how you conducted yourself in your previous job, you will always get another one.

See you next week.

Nige and Fergy

To catch Nige and Fergy on Premiership Bizarro, their internet TV show, go to

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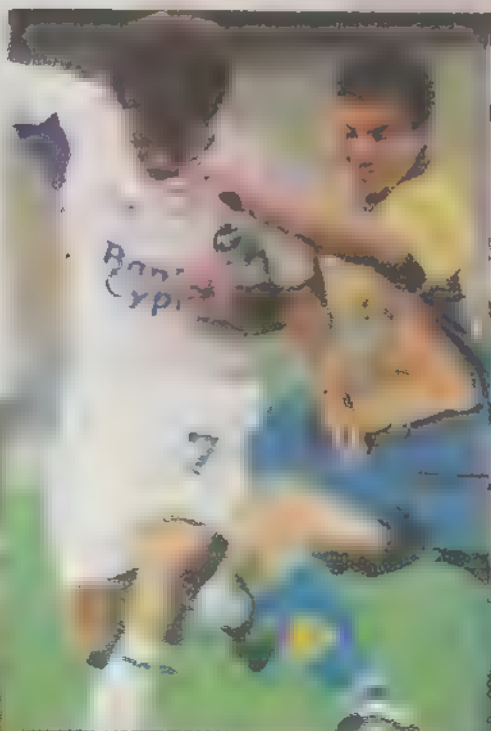
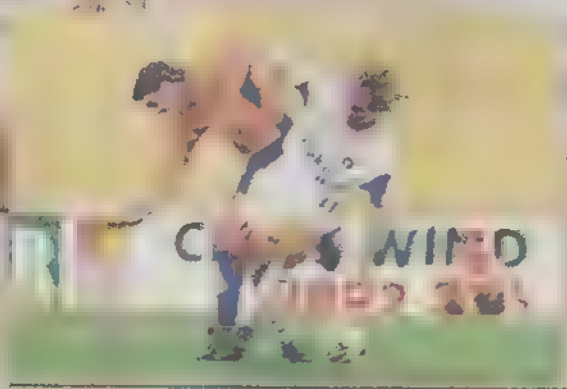
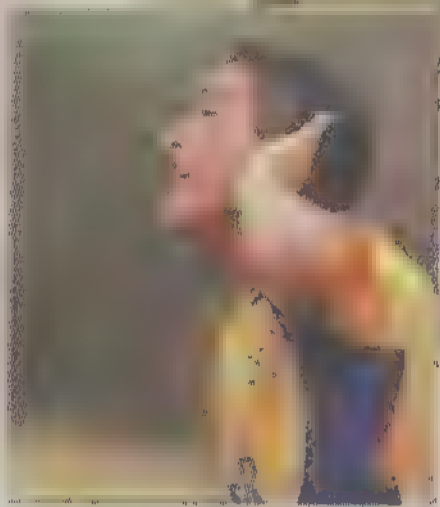




# National League Action Between Parramatta Power vs Olympic Sharks



By Carlos Furtado







# The Lions — 2002 Champions of Queensland

133 Pine Road, Richlands, QLD



Kid's room — The Lions' Den, where Parents can leave their children under Adult Supervision as they play with Sony Playstations and other Amusement Machines.

**R**ECENTLY the Queensland Lions were crowned State League Champions for the 11th time and in grand style, having gone undefeated throughout the season.

As an added bonus the Lions, coached by the ever-astute Miron Bleiberg, also won their Grand Final, downing the Taringa Rovers 2-0.

This was the progressive Lions' ninth Grand Final win in their illustrious history. The story of the Queensland Lions Soccer Club is a very proud one — a story which any sporting club in this nation would hungrily embrace.

Not only has this 45 year old Club conquered hours with monotonous regularity on the playing pitch, but off the pitch, the Lions' Directors have simultaneously over the years, laboriously laid strong founda-

## Special Feature

By John Economos

tions to progressively expand and build up an 18,000 Registered Member Lions' Social Club Complex based in the Brisbane suburb of Richlands.

Situated almost 15 kilometres West of Brisbane, the Lions erected a superb

Social Club in the heart of 20 acres, that is surrounded by three full sized playing pitches, (including Richlands Stadium), 40 metre floodlight towers, plus Rooball courts and no less than eight dressing rooms.

The thriving, but very well-managed Lions Social Club, steadily generates income from its 315 poker machines. Over the years, this treasured income has been repeatedly ploughed back to finance constant expansions to the Lions' Club facilities and overall premises.

Today, the Lions' freehold Social Club premises is valued at \$10 million plus.



LAWRENCE OUDENDYK: Lions' C.E.O.

## Playing Achievements

NSL Cup Winners  
1982  
QSF 1<sup>st</sup> Division  
Premiers  
11 times  
Queensland Cup  
3 times  
QSF Grand Final  
Winners  
9 times

## Team Structure 2002

4 Senior Teams  
43 Junior Teams  
5 Women's Teams  
5 Over 35s Teams (Social)

## History Of The Qld Lions SC

### Club Founded In 1957

1957-67 Played in Qld Lower Division Competitions.  
1968 Promoted to Qld First Division.  
1969 Won first Premiership and Cup.  
1977 Admitted to National Soccer League as a Foundation Member.  
1977-88 Participated in National Soccer League.

1982 Won NSL Cup (Australia-wide).  
1989-2002 Played in Qld First Division Competition.

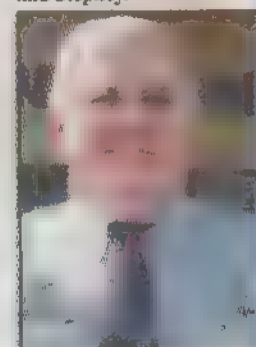
firm belief it will finish the year with a trading surplus of \$1 million plus. This is a vast contrast in today's Australian sporting World where other clubs of all codes, produce more Red than the Barossa Valley.

Guided by an astute and conservative Board of Directors, headed by Chairman and former Australian International defender Gary Wilkins, the dynamic and long-serving shrewd C.E.O. Lawrence Oudendyk, plus the unrelenting Marketing Director Les Moodley, the Queensland Lions Soccer Club threatens to prowl with calculated stealth for continued success — on and off the pitch.

What almost surely must be a unique situation in Australian Soccer, we here have a progressive Club which actually has a former Australian international as its Chairman in Gary

Wilkins — not some political figurehead.

Gary was a sturdy defender for club side Hollandia F.C. before making his debut for Australia in 1967 against the touring England giants, Manchester United who had on board legends such as Best, Charlton, Crerand, Law and Stepney.



GARY WILKINS: Chairman of the Lions.

In October the very same year, Wilkins toured the war-torn South Vietnam with a very young and new Australian side captained by Johnny Warren. On that historic tour Australia played 10 consecutive internationals in three weeks, winning all 10, including the Tournament Final.

Mr Wilkins and his visionary Board of Directors have done the code of Soccer very proud.

They have prioritised and expanded the Queensland Lions' giant umbrella to embrace a meritorious army of 57 teams: Teams that the Lions today include having caged no less than 43 Junior sides, plus Women's squads as well as five Over 35s Men's teams.

## MIRON BLEIBERG: Championship winning coach.

As well as having the pokies, the Lions Social Club boasts two spacious fully air-conditioned Lounges, a Bistro, a Char-grill deck, a children's room and a function centre.

In December, a brand new auditorium with bolt-on Corporate Boxes will be completed with a capacity to comfortably accommodate 400 people at a cost of \$2.5 million.

Despite massive capital expenditure, the Lions' administration is of the

From Main Entrance to the Lions Soccer Club at Richlands.

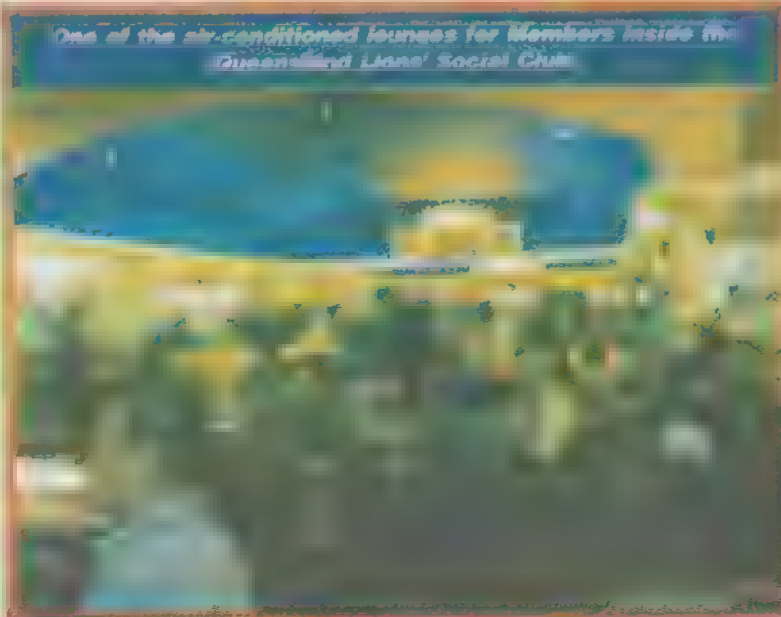


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I.P. Corporate boxes, where guests can closely view the Queensland Lions playing in the Main Stadium.



One of the air-conditioned lounges for Members inside the Queensland Lions' Social Club.



# National League Round 4 Report

## Parramatta Power Olympic Sharks

By Stuart Jones

The Olympic Sharks defeated Parramatta Power 2-1 at Parramatta Stadium on Monday afternoon but that scoreline will hardly be mentioned when discussion turns to this game.

Two sending's off and the response of the Power coach, Nick Theodorakopoulos, to at least one of his players involved will stay in the minds of many.

After a first half that looked to be ending up goalless Pablo Cardozo put Parramatta in front just a minute from the break. It was not a Cardozo spectacular effort rather a

header from a corner (he was finally not taking one) that gave Parramatta their first goal in 225 minutes. Damien Brown had taken the corner and it was flicked on at the near post by Ahmed Elrich.

A minute after that goal Power had another corner which Cardozo did take and he curled it right on target only for Joel Porter to somehow manage to clear away. The other 44 minutes had seen few highs with lots of niggling fouls.

Then came the second half and all the memorable action. Liam Reddy and Mark Byrnes clashed in the 59th minute. Byrnes had been harassing Reddy in the area whilst he was trying to get rid off the

ball and Reddy punched the former Parramatta player in the face.

Referee Brett Hugo sent Reddy off (he had no other choice) and pointed to the spot. Young substitute keeper Andrew Carmen saved from the first of Ante Juncic's attempts but failed to get to the rebound from Juncic.

A few minutes later and Peter Zorbas was also sent off gaining a second yellow card for a crude tackle on Jade North. North too should have at least seen yellow after his over the top reaction.

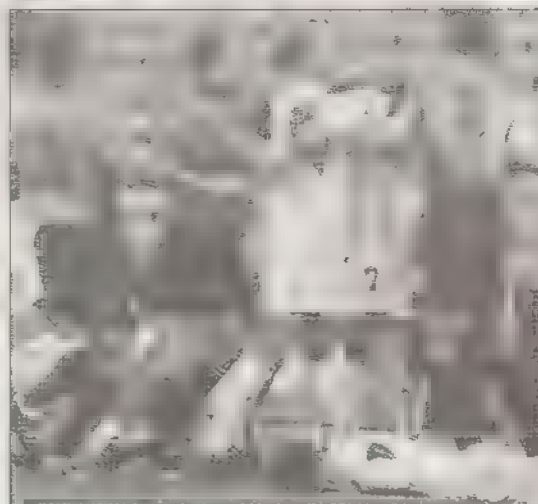
With nine men Power battled on and tried to tough it out but one chance too many came substitute Franco Parisi's way and he converted a 71st minute

cross from Hiroyuki Ishodi.

Even then it was not clearly a goal with the ball hitting the underside of the bar, bouncing in the area (so the linesman adjudged) before spinning out and back into the hands of Carmen. Right on full time Jeremy Harris should have sealed the win but he saw his effort cleared off the line by Michael Beauchamp.

The Power camp were proud of the sides fighting spirit in the face of adversity but Theodorakopoulos was fierce when it came to his goal keeper Reddy, whom he had also banished from the dressing room after the incident.

"What Liam Reddy did was suicidal. I will be telling the PFA (Professional Footballers Association) to go and get f\*\*\*\*d. Even though some of the players came up to me after the game and pleaded with me not to be too drastic, I'll be ripping up his contract. There is



Some of the many scuffles that took place during the match between Parramatta Power and the Olympic Sharks.

no place in the game for what he did.

This is a team game. You have to consider your teammates and the fans. They have been starved of success for three years and should not

have to put up with what happened today. I may be backing myself into a corner but these are extreme circumstances.

I intend to ask the board to let me go out and find a new keeper. The young boy

[Carmen] is not quite ready to play regular first team football, and we have ambitions of making the top six. There were obviously some massive negatives out of this game but there were also some humungous positives. That's what I've told the players. If anybody has doubted us, then they will not doubt us any more (in reference to his sides fighting defence through the last part of the game)."

Olympic coach Gary Phillips was concerned with his sides fitness and praised his opponents of the night. There was further bad news for the Sharks with Ante Milicic sidelined for up to three weeks with a hamstring strain.

Parramatta may have shaded their opponents through the day but the two dismissals, especially that of Reddy, cost Power their first full points of the year.

## BAD BOY OF THE WEEK



### Liam Reddy Parramatta Power

Having sparked up already one of the talking points of this season, Power custodian Liam Reddy has won this week's ABSW Bad Boy of the week for his nice right hook shot towards Sharks defender Mark Byrnes.

Even 'Iron' Mike Tyson (right) would have been proud of Reddy's efforts after flooring hapless Byrnes to the ground.

The 21-year-old was close to getting his contract torn up by Power coach Nick Theodorakopoulos but later apologised to Nick and the board and resumed training with the squad once more.

## Round 6 Fixtures

FRIDAY 25/10

Marconi Stallions v Parramatta Power

SATURDAY 26/10

Olympic Sharks v Newcastle United  
Wollongong Wolves v South Melbourne

SUNDAY 27/10

Adelaide City Force v Football Kingz  
Perth Glory v Sydney United  
Melbourne Knights v Brisbane Strikers  
Bye - Northern Spirit

## FROM THE Dressing Sheds

By Mark Stavroulakis

\*A game that had everything a spectator could wish for. Goals, hard-crunching tackles and a flurry of fists, last week's Power v Sharks match would have to go down as one of the most enthralling yet.

Never in the history of both clubs has seen a crowd and atmosphere so electrifying.

I can honestly say that a new derby match has been created when the pair meets once more at Toyota Park where I'm sure some unfinished business will be solved. Hopefully we can expect more of the same from this match, if the National League needs anything to survive by its matches like these!

\*The talking point of the game was of course Liam 'Rocket Jnr' Reddy's 'Mike Tyson' style punch on Olympic Sharks defender Mark Byrnes.

Certainly a tip that good old dad Rod Reddy (Former St George legend) showed Junior Reddy.

Unfortunately the incident did infuriate coach Nick T as the Power number one spoke of ripping young Liam's contract up provided the board sided with him on the issue. This was not to be though as Reddy was fortunately given a lifeline.

\*Sharks coach Gary Phillips was left amazed at a question a journalist posed during the media conference after the match. The journalist asked Phillips whether 'Toyota' had a good game and whether the position he played best suited him. Phillips answered assertively "Come again?" Toyota was obviously referred to as a nickname for Sharks Japanese import Hiroyuki Ishodi - alas another name has been given to crafty midfield star.

\*It was quite unfortunate however to hear of some disturbing news that during the

match, Power CEO Angela Travis was spat on by rival supporters. The game played at a frantic pace was an example that the National League games are getting better. Incidents like this only U-turn the events that took place during the Round 3 clash, certainly something we hope not to see at our football pitches in the near future.

\*Spotted at Pancakes on the Rocks a night before the Power-Sharks clash was Olympic hero Franco Parisi.

The goal that gave the Sharks the three valuable points would have to go down as one of young Parisi's most important yet.

This tells me that more trips to the Pancake place would be a necessity for young Parisi who hopes to become a starter in Gary Phillips' squad in the next few weeks.

\*QUOTE OF THE MONTH - "I'll tell the PFA (Professional Football Association) to get f--ed and tear his (Reddy's) contract up," Power coach Nick Theodorakopoulos in regards to the heated Round 3 match between Olympic and the Power.

\*Spotted at South Melbourne's first home match of the season against Sydney United was former club hero Con Boutsianis.

Obviously the rumours of Con teaming up with ex-team mate Con Blasis at Turkish club Kocaelispor has fallen through however interest has circulated the National League once more for the lethal left footers signature.

Due to his free-agency status, Boutsianis is viable to sign for any other National League club.

\*Olympic Sharks Chairman Nick Politis certainly has an eye for selecting coaches. Last season Gary Phillips was brought to the Sharks and in his first rookie year, Olympic ended up win-

ning the National League Grand-Final.

More recently in the NRL Grand-Final, Politis was also at hand in selecting another rookie coach, this time for his beloved Sydney City Roosters. Ricky Stuart also did his Chairman proud in winning the Final against the Warriors proving that Politis certainly has an eye for scouting coaches.

\*If anyone has seen the movie 'Zoolander', then you'd know how much coverage a male model receives within the media.

Having only spent a few months in Australia, Sydney United's giant custodian Vanya Ivesa has recently completed a photo shoot with Major Sponsor Perfection Fresh who produce Grape Tomatoes.

Apparently the Croatian import was a huge hit with the camera, acting like a natural and was also a hit with the ladies taking the shots.

It doesn't stop there for Vanya, the tall keeper who measures at 205cm also has another trait up his sleeve - his ability to speak fluent Italian - I've also heard that he's a big hit with the females at the King Tomislav club at Edensor Park - Keep up the good work Vanya!

At the rate Ivesa's going, CLEO magazine could snap up the soccer star for next year's Bachelor of the year award!

On the topic of male football models in Australia, Sharks custodian Clint Bolton and Power youngster Pedge Boyce have also taken part in various photo shoots.

\*It's good to see experienced Sydney United defender Dave Barrett back at training after a knee injury halted his push towards starting for his new club this season.

United have done well without Barrett however his experience in the back will only boost Branko Culina's squad.

\*It was nice to speak to an

## Round 5 Fixtures

FRIDAY 18/10

Newcastle United v Wollongong Wolves

SATURDAY 19/10

Parramatta Power v Melbourne Knights  
Brisbane Strikers v Adelaide City Force

SUNDAY 20/10

Football Kingz v Olympic Sharks  
South Melbourne v Perth Glory  
Sydney United v Northern Spirit

Bye - Marconi Stallions

Olympic Sharks supporter who even at the age of 77, still manages to watch his beloved side play at every week.

Con Paris of Earlwood has always supported the Blues and even at his age will go to any lengths in watching last season's Grand-Finalists. "Whether they play in Wollongong, Newcastle, I'm always there. Unfortunately I'm not able to go to Perth, Melbourne, Adelaide or Brisbane however if I had the money I'd do it for sure."

If we had more Con Paris' in this game then maybe crowd attendances would increase.

Keep up the good work Con!

\*Ange Postecoglou's

young U17 Joey side took centre stage during last week's one week trial at Parklea. The 23-members all vying for a final position in the squad come next February for the Oceania Qualifiers had two friendly hit-outs against

Marconi and Parramatta Power youth squads. They defeated the Stallions youth side one-nil while the young promising stars were held to a one-all draw with the Power.

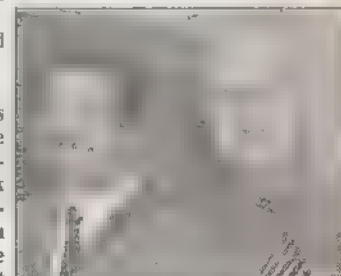
Young Wolves star Jacob Timpano, Melbourne Knights striker Serkan Oksuz and Olympic Sharks attacker Matthew Hilton are eligible to play for the U17 squad but due

to National League commitments were unable to attend the camp.

Young overseas players are also said to be on the books as well as Ange hopes to put together a top squad for their assault on the World Cup in Finland next year.

Unfortunately for the boys, they'll have to wait until next February to find out who made the final squad - And we thought waiting for the dreaded HSC results was bad.

\*A photo worth a thousand



Stange shown with his new best friend Saddam Hussein.

words - shown here is new Iraqi coach Bernd Stange posing for the cameras in front of the country's number one man, Saddam Hussein. Apparently this photo has caused a stir with various people but the former Glory man does not care - his main aim is to steer Iraq towards a hopeful World Cup spot in his homeland Germany in 2006.



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## WOMEN'S NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

### SAPPHIRES STUNG BY LATE GOAL

In a match that seemed destined to end up with both teams sharing the points, The Queensland Sting stole a late goal to start their Women's National Soccer League (WNSL) campaign on a positive note. With the score locked at 0-0 for 90 minutes, a late foul by Anissa Tann centimetres outside the NSW box provided Heather Garriock with a free kick opportunity.

Garriock, a former Sapphire, took her chance and bent the ball over the Sapphires wall, but NSW keeper, Cassie Kell, was unable to hold onto the shot, which allowed April Mann, to pounce and walk the winner over the line with the last kick of the game.

The opening game for the NSW and Queensland representatives was played in hot, humid and windy conditions at Valentine Sports Park, Glenwood. Both teams included on their team sheets Matildas who had only arrived back in Australia the previous day from playing in the US NIKE Cup.

The NSW pair of Anissa Tann and Cassandra Kell played full game for the Sapphires, whilst Queensland-based Matildas Heather Garriock and April Mann also played full games, with Olivia Hohnke lasting until the 74th minute before being substituted for Natalie Thomas.

The grueling travelling and playing schedule, coupled with the stifling weather conditions made it difficult for the national representatives to hit their strides. Added to that, NSW was also missing their two other Matildas, Kelly Golebiowski and Thea Slatyer, who were unavailable for the opening fixture and possible the following 4 fixtures, due to both remaining in the United States to pursue professional trials.

The opening stanza of the match was a whirlwind affair with both teams starting the game at a furious pace. Within the first 5 minutes, Queensland had a free kick that was cleaned up easily by the NSW defence, then NSW had a corner which was easily accounted for by the Claire Nichols, who had a strong game in the Queensland goal. The end-to-end action settled into a midfield battle by the 15 minute mark.

The Queensland defence, organised by the seasoned Kate McShea, contained the NSW pairing of the youthful Catherine Cannuli and experienced Julie Murray up front. At times, Cannuli's pace threatened, but unfortunately for the Sapphires her final shot failed to find the target.

In the midfield, Sapphires captain, Taryn Rockall, had a tough match up with April Mann. Both players gave each other nothing with Rockall in Mann's shadow and Mann in Rockall's shadow for the entirety of the game. Queenslanders Jessica Mitchell and Elissia Canham were also a handful for the NSW defenders, Lisa Warrenner and Kathryn Collins, and on many occasions applied the pressure to the NSW goal with their pace.

A turning point for the Sapphires occurred in the 25th minute when Julie Murray was fouled challenging for a high ball. The result of this was that the former Matilda fell awkwardly on her ankle, and aggravated a previous injury. The knock hampered Murray to the break, before finally succumbing on the hour when the dynamic Sarah Walsh replaced her.

Although Murray was returning from a 12-month break from top level football, it was heartening to see that she still possessed her competitive spirit and touches. With an improvement in her fitness and recovery from injury, Murray will certainly be a player to keep an eye on come the business end of the season.

One problem with the Sapphires game was the overall lack of communication. This was particular evident in a mix-up between Anissa Tann and goalkeeper Cassie Kell, which allowed Queensland forward Jessica Mitchell to let fly with a shot to the top right corner of the goal. Had it not been for the acrobatic save from Kell to deny Mitchell, the Queenslanders would have gained a goal advantage early in the game.

The best opportunities for NSW to score came in the 28th minute when the Sapphires were awarded a free kick outside the Queensland box. Michelle Carney struck well a left footer that left Nichols stranded on her line, only to watch the ball rebound off the exposed far-post before being cleared by her teammates.

Soon after a Taryn Rockall free kick, found an unmarked Michelle Carney, loitering in the box. Carney volleyed, but was denied by a point blank parry by Nichols. Both Carney and Cannuli were unable to capitalise on the rebound. For the remainder of the half, NSW peppered the Queensland goal but only to see shots fly over the bar or players fail to get on the end of crosses and corners. The teams went to the break scoreless and ruing missed chances.

The second half began with the Sapphires looking a little more organised. With Michelle Carney and Jo Burgess finding much space out wide, NSW began finding the momentum they lacked in the first half. An opportunity to take the lead came in the 57th minute when Carney crossed from the left and found the head of Julie Murray. But once again, Nichols was on hand to deny NSW.

As the second half progressed, both teams began to tire in the trying conditions. Holes began to open up, which favoured the fitter players.

The introduction of Sarah Walsh for the injured Murray, provided extra pace up front, and with the addition of Young Matilda, Emma Davison for Nicole Kimber, the Sapphires began to look dangerous again.

But it was not meant to be, with the Queenslanders absorbing the pressure well and neutralising any NSW attacks. It was not until time added on that the patience and persistence of the Queenslanders capitalised on a NSW error to snatch the winner.

Sapphires Coach, Allen Stajic was philosophical about the defeat "A draw would have been an appropriate result, but I guess it's better to lose your first rather than the last game of the season."

"We'll go back, regroup, look at what went wrong and rectify them for next week," concluded Stajic.

The NSW Sapphires face the Adelaide Sensation next week at Marden Sports Complex, Marden, South Australia. The away game will be a tough assignment for the Sapphires with the Sensation coming off a solid 4-1 away to the Victoria Vision.



Sapphires striker, Catherine Cannuli, applies the pressure to Queensland goalkeeper, Claire Nichols.

NSW SAPPHIRES . . . 0 QUEENSLAND STING . . 1  
(Mann 90m)

Referee: Danielle Clarke  
Assistant Referees: Sharon O'Neill, Sarah Davies  
4th Official: Heidi Breeze  
Venue: Valentine Sports Park, Glenwood, NSW  
Kick-Off: 4:00pm

Cautions:

NSW Sapphires: None

Queensland Sting: March 16m, Hohnke 51m, Duns 69m

#### NSW Sapphires

1 Cassandra Kell 3 Lisa Warrenner 4 Kathryn Collins 6 Anissa Tann 8 Joanne Burgess 9 Julie Murray (19 Walsh 61m) 10 Taryn Rockall (C) 11 Michelle Carney 13 Catherine Cannuli 14 Nicole Kimber (Davison 72m) 18 Danielle Smal

Substitutes

5 Lisa Gilbert, 12 Emma Davison (Kimber 72m), 16 Dimitra Poulos (GK), 19 Sarah Walsh (Murray 61m), 20 Hayley Fidd

Coach: Allen Stajic

#### Queensland Sting

1 Claire Nichols 2 Pam Grant 4 Elissia Canham (Beaumont 85m) 5 Karla Reuter 6 Olivia Hohnke 7 Kate McShea (C) 8 Bryony Duns 9 Heather Garriock 10 Lana Harch 11 April Mann 13 Jessica Mitchell (Dawney 61m)

Substitutes

12 Natalie Thomas (Canham 85m), 14 Belinda Dawney (Mitchell 61m), 15 Ellen Beaumont (Canham 85m)

Head Coach: Michael Mulvey

Manager: Leslie Mann

Asst Coach: Cameron Hunt

Physiotherapist: Clayton Daley

#### WNSL ROUND 1 RESULTS:

NSW SAPPHIRES . . . 0 QUEENSLAND STING . . 1  
(April Mann 90m)

at Valentine Sports Park, Sydney

CANBERRA ECLIPSE . . 4 NORTHERN NSW PRIDE 0

(Amy Taylor 9m,  
Amy Wilson 61m,  
Tal Karp 70m,  
Kristyn Swaffer 86m)

at West Belconnen Leagues Club, Canberra

ADELAIDE SENSATION 3 VICTORIA VISION . . . 1  
(Lisa De Vanna 8m, 90m, (Sarah Groenewald 91+m)

Stacey Stocco 39m,

at Kingston Heath Soccer Complex, Melbourne.

#### WNSL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Canberra Eclipse	1	0	0	0	4	0	+4	3
Adelaide Sensation	1	1	0	0	3	1	+2	3
Queensland Sting	1	1	0	0	0	0	+1	3
NSW Sapphires	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
Victoria Vision	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
Northern NSW Pride	1	0	0	1	0	4	-4	0



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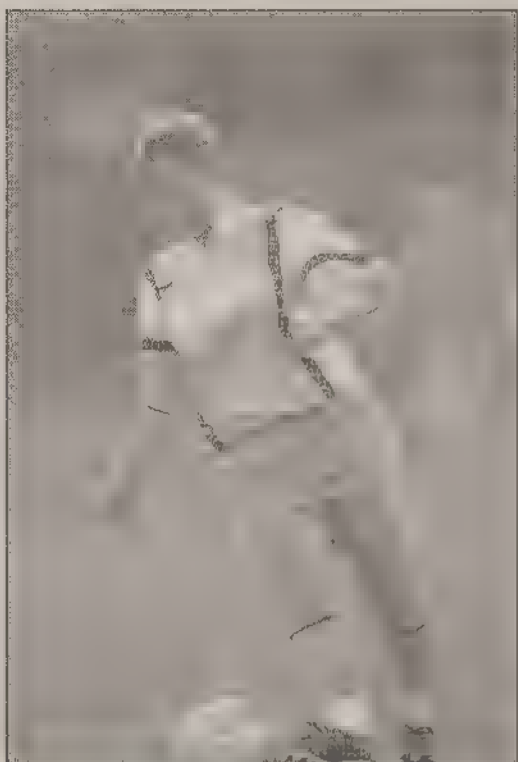


# Women's Soccer



SOCCER AUSTRALIA WOMEN'S NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

Photos by Carlos Furtado



Julie Murray made her return to the NSW Sapphires and WNSL.



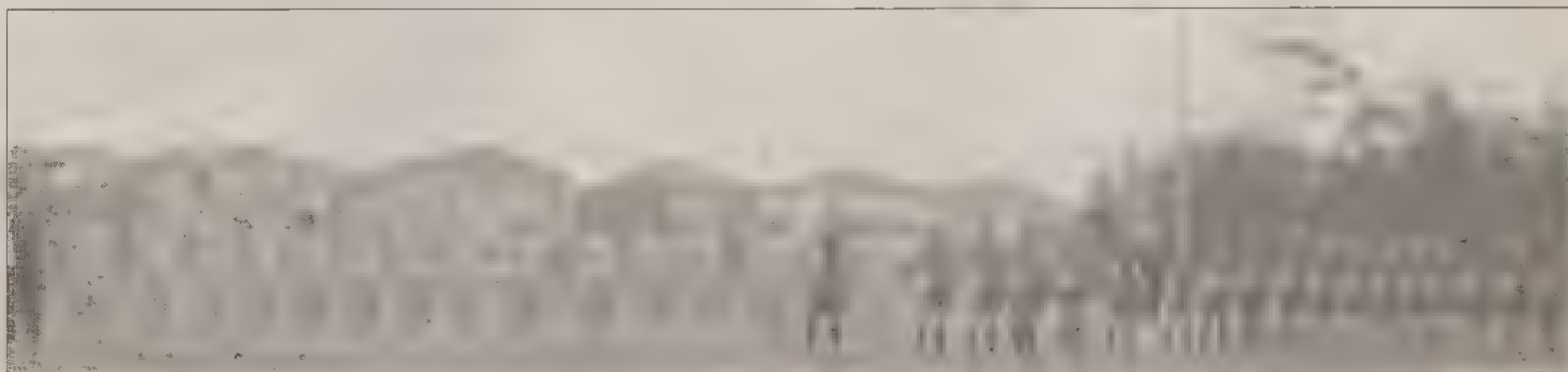
A goal mouth scramble early in the match failed to find the net.



One of the many midfield tussles.



Anissa Tann provided experience at the back for the Sapphires.



The teams line-up



# NSW Sapphires

## FROM THE COACH

**Alen Stajcic** made his WNSL debut as the coach of the NSW Sapphires. A former Super League player with the Sutherland Sharks, St George Saints, Bankstown City Lions and Boonyngg White, Stajcic has chosen to focus his efforts on coaching this year having picked up the reins from pre-decessor Allan Bourke. Stajcic's previous experience was as the coach of the successful NSW Academy team which he steered to the NSW Women's Super League Grand Final only to be beaten by Marconi 1-0. Alen's qualification's as a School Teacher probably holds him well to be in control of a Sapphires team that is a mixture of youth and experience.

Here are his thoughts following the opening round of the WNSL.

**Alen, how did you find your first WNSL game?**

There was definitely a big step up from State League to National League. Having National Team players and potential national team players at your disposal makes the job very exciting. But after a while, I settled in and treated the game like any other.

**I guess it was tough way to lose your first match as Sapphires Coach?**

Yeah, a couple of lapses in concentration which lead to a costly error, not the ideal start to the season but definitely something we can build on. A draw would have been a fairer result, but it just goes to show that you can't drop your guard at this level of football for a moment.

**It's well known that the NSW Sapphires preparations for the WNSL have been less than ideal, care to comment?**

The fact that we haven't had the complete squad together for training in the lead up to this game due to the U17's National Talent Identification Championships, U19 World Youth Championships and the US NIKE Cup is an unfortunate hurdle to deal with, it's also testament to the strength of the NSW squad that we do have so many

players selected in these teams. With the squad coming together other next couple of weeks, I'm sure we can work through this issue.

**I also heard that you were on your Honeymoon last week?**

I actually got married on the Saturday before and spent my honeymoon on Hamilton Island in the week leading up to the game. It's not as though I had planned for it to happen that way, but we had made the plans prior to my appointment as State Coach. Although, I was in constant SMS contact with the squad.

**What about missing the services of Matildas, Kelly Golebiowski and Thea Slatyer as well as Kylie Ledbrook and Leah Blayney?**

Kelly and Thea stayed on in America after the US NIKE Cup to chase trials with WUSA and college teams. Kelly in particular was on fire during the tour scoring important goals against Canada and Russia, whilst Thea made her Senior Matildas debut. At the moment, they will probably be missing for about 4 weeks, but I'm sure that we have the people to cover those positions. As for Kylie and Leah, they should be back within the next couple of weeks.

**Who impressed you from the NSW Sapphires?**

I thought Danielle Small, Michelle Carney, Nicole Kimber and Kath Collins had good games and Joanne Burgess did a great job containing Heather Garriock. It was also good to see Julie Murray back out on the paddock doing what she loves best, chastising defenders. But overall, I thought we outplayed the Queenslanders, but didn't have the luck on the day.

**Where to now?**

We'll go back to training this week, have a look at what we did wrong and fix them for next weekend. Adelaide will be a tough game away, especially since they will be high on confidence after beating Victoria. I'm sure if we play to our potential, the results will come. I guess it's better to lose the first game rather than the last.



NSW Sapphires Coach — Alen Stajcic

## FROM THE CAPTAIN

**Taryn Rockall** was handed the captaincy of the Sapphires over the likes of current Matilda's captain Anissa Tann and former Matilda's Captain Julie Murray. Taryn is now fully recovered from a knee injury that hampered her international career last year, and is fully focussed on making the Matilda's line-up for the 2003 World Cup.

Taryn is also the Women's Participation Manager at the NSW Soccer Federation, attending Schools and Coaching clinics spreading the world game to tomorrow's champions. Taryn talks about her impressions on the season opener.

**So Taryn, how did find the game?**

The game started off at a pretty quick pace, but settled down into a middle of the park kind of game. I found myself marked pretty closely by April Mann. It's Disappointing to lose, I thought draw would have been a better result under the circumstances.

**What do you think the problem was out there?**

Definitely our communication was lacking. The passes just weren't getting to feet and the shots were going wide. I'm sure it won't take long to fix that so we can be buzzing like we were last year. Another thing was that our defending was a little off too. Whenever we had the ball, the Queenslanders seemed to swarm around us and didn't give us much time on the ball. Unfortunately, when they had the ball we didn't defend with the same intensity.

**Who impressed you?**

I thought Michelle Carney, Jo Burgess, Kathryn Collins and Lisa Warrenner played well, and Muzza before she twisted her ankle.

**What now?**

Yeah, as Alen said regroup, work out the bugs and get over it. We definitely have the personnel to do it, and it's just a case of sticking at it and waiting for us to click like we have in the past.

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TARYN ROCKALL AND THEA SLATYER  
ON SALE OCTOBER 16.**





# From the Sidelines

By Greg Stock

\*Former Sydney United and Fairfield Bulls defender Tom Maric has hit the headlines this week signing a two year deal with Canterbury-Marrickville. Maric who made an appearance in every one of the Bulls matches last season, will add some steel to a Berries defence which includes the likes of Paul Bourke and Sasa Ujtesenovic. "It's great to be with Canterbury" said Maric. "It's my local club and I am really keen to have a strong season and help lift them back into the top five."

The main influencing factor for his decision to switch camps was the opportunity to play under current state coach and Formeroo Greg Woodhouse and his assistant Stan Ackerley. "A lot of the state team players have said Woody and Stan are great coaches, so having them at Canterbury was a huge incentive for me to sign" continued Maric.

A former Sydney United junior, the right sided defender was forced to leave the NSL two years ago due to his work commitments as an architect, but after a strong year with the Bulls last year, he could well be a dark horse for this seasons Gold Medal

\*A couple of postcards from overseas this week from last seasons Premier League Golden Boot winner Jimmy Aschner and former Ryde City and new Hakoah coach Tony Dunn. Aschner is currently on a working holiday of North America and is working as a Coerver coach and golf caddy at an 'exclusive' golf course in the Bay Area. Amongst his other pursuits Jimmy is coaching an under 16 womens team which he says is doing rather well and watching a bit of MLS and baseball.

Aschner should be back by christmas and ready and raring to go for the second round. Dunn on the other hand is in England where he is enjoying a footballing holiday. He has taken in such matches as the England v Serbia Under 19 match, Dover, Hartipool and Bournemouth home games, before he sets off for to see his beloved Celtic and a few Premier League games. He is expected back in

early December ready to take on preseason with Hakoah.

\*The Penrith Panthers have named their first grade squad for season 2002/3 with a couple of surprises. Former Parramatta Power midfielder Peter Bennett has officially joined the side as has former Warringah Dolphins goalkeeper Matthew Bloomfield. Coach Tony Rasmussen will be assisted by Osvaldo El Ah, who incidentally is again saddling up for yet another season in the top flight



\*While a lot of the focus is on the strikers, we will again be keeping you up to date with the heroics of the goalkeeping fraternity throughout the season, with a regular list of cleansheets. With the likes of Bobby Catlin (APIA-Leichhardt) and Matthew Bloomfield (Penrith Panthers) joining the Premier League ranks the rivalry is again expected to be fierce in the battle to tip out Parramatta Eagles

skipper Jason Holmes for the Goalkeeper of the Year award.

A full list of last seasons cleansheets from last season is as follows; 10 - Jason Holmes (Parramatta Eagles), 9 - John Crawley (Blacktown City), 8 - Tony Giannasca (Belconnen Blue Devils), Andrews Crews (APIA-Leichhardt), 6 - Frank Mikuletic (Fairfield Bulls), Ivan Necevski (Bonnyrigg White Eagles), 4 - Stacy Alogdelis (St George), Zlatko Josevski (Bankstown City), Darren Moore (Central Coast), 3 - David Aceski (Bonnyrigg White Eagles), 1 - Mitchell Blowes (Sutherland Sharks), Liam Curran (Parramatta Eagles), Mike McKenna (Belconnen Blue Devils) and Chad Taylor (Penrith Panthers).

The only club not to record a clean sheet was Canterbury. One player to keep the eye out for will be Rockdale City Suns goalkeeper Peter Trajceviski, who picked up the Winter Super League Goalkeeper of the year award. A former Division One player of the year he is one of the most exciting talents in the game and he looks set to have a huge season

\*Bulls coach Craig Sharpley has announced a couple of more signings at Nineveh Field. Former Ryde City and Central Coast defender Mitchell Daley has joined the club, as has current state representative midfielder Robbie Angievski. One young player expected to make the transition into the senior side is Ryan O'Shea. In light of the injury to Jason Connolly, Sharpley is looking to groom the youngster to hold down the sweepers role until JC can get himself back on the park.

\*Blacktown City have secured the services of ex Bonnyrigg trainer Nick Bilbija for the season. A 'legend' in the game he brings a lot of experience to Gabbie Stadium where he will assist coach Brian Brown in a bid to go all the way.

Last Season: Finished 5th W13-D5-L4 Lost Preliminary Semi-Final, Won Minor Semi-Final, Won Preliminary Final, Lost Grand Final

2003 Coach: Brian Brown - Fourth Season

Last Seasons Top Scorer: Jimmy Nikas 12 goals

Ins: Simon Catanzaro (Northern Spirit), Nick Jelic (Bonnyrigg White Eagles), Dion Valle (Perth Glory)

Outs: Damon Langan (APIA-Leichhardt), Paul Dee (APIA-Leichhardt), Peter Sermanni (Unknown), Chad Lewis (Penrith Panthers on loan)

Unknown: Zlatko Donev



## CLUB PREVIEW Blacktown City Demons

Club Review: The yardstick by which every other team is measured, Blacktown are traditionally the side every other team wants to beat. They have made the Grand Final in each of the past five seasons developing what can only be described as a 'dynasty' so anything less than a sixth straight appearance will be seen to be a disappointment.

A huge factor in the clubs success has been their development of junior talent and that again looks set to continue with a number of the under 17 and 19 players expected to be blooded at various stages of the year.

Playing Roster: Despite the loss of some key

players such as Damon Langan, Paul Dee and Peter Sermanni, the depth is still excellent. Two players in particular Dion Valle and Simon Catanzaro more than cover for these losses and both are expected to have big years.

David Reid looks to have found himself a home upfront and with the likes of Naoki Imaiya, Jimmy Nikas and Catanzaro, all playing off him, Demons fans can expect plenty of goals. The recruitment of Nick Bilbija to the coaching staff is also a positive move, as he is one of the most well respected trainers in the business.

Aims: "The league is going to be very tough this year" said coach Brian Brown, "but I am

happy with who we have recruited and we'll be looking to make the top three and go from there.

We deliberately targetted players with NSL experience in a bid to make up for the losses, and I am confident that Dion Valle and Simon Catanzaro will make a big impression with us. With some other clubs spending up big to win the league every game will be hard, and believe that augers well for a very competitive season."

Player To Watch: David Reid - It seems like 'Reidy' has been around for years after stints with Macarthur and Bonnyrigg, but the 'big fella' just keeps on getting better. Switched to the unfamiliar role last year by Brown, he paid his coach back in spades scoring 10 goals and setting up twice as many.

Blacktown fans can expect more of the same this year where he will be a nightmare for defenders with his tough aerial presence and his ability to find the net from the toughest of angles.

Last Season: Finished 2nd W15 D2-L5

2003 Coach: Ljube Jancev First Season

Last Seasons Top Scorer: Jimmy Aschner 22 goals

Ins: Dong Ki-Kim (Bonnyrigg White Eagles), Freddy Umlil (Bankstown City), Tony Trpevski (Rockdale City Suns), Joe Bruni (Balgownie)

Outs: Jimmy Aschner (Overseas), Sasa Ujtesenovic (Canterbury-Marrickville), Trinity Allen (Illawarra Lions), Vuko Tomasevic (Northern Spirit), Chris Bradley (Unknown), John Kyriazopoulos (Canterbury-Marrickville), Peter Klamovski (Hajduk Wanderers), David Aceski (Queensland), Michael West (Canterbury-Marrickville)



## CLUB PREVIEW Bonnyrigg White Eagles

Club Review: After a disappointing semi final series which saw them bow out to Blacktown in the Preliminary Final, the committee at the Serbian Centre have decided to enlist the services of former championship winning coach Ljube Jancev to replace Grag Woodhouse

Bonnyrigg have not missed a final series since 1996, and Jancev knows only too well that anything but a top three finish and a Grand Final berth will be considered to be failure amongst the army of White Eagles fans.

Playing Roster: The biggest loss of all is last years Golden Boot winner Jimmy Aschner and coach Ljube Jancev will need to plug that gap if his side are to repeat last seasons heroics

Vuko Tomasevic has stepped up to the NSL leaving another big gap in the roster, though Jancev has moved quickly to recruit Freddy Umlil and Dong Ki-Kim as replacements

Both players have had NSL experience and with Joe Bruni and Tony Trpevski also on board, the side still has a very strong look about it.

A former Partizan Belgrade defender also looks set to join the club which would give the side more steel at the back.

Aims: "This is a club that expects success" said coach Ljube Jancev, "so I am well aware of the expectation on me and the side to achieve this year. We will go out there to win every game we play and hopefully do well enough that we can win the league."

Player to Watch: Joe Bruni - An outstanding talent when he is fit and in form, Bruni has spent the majority of the past two seasons battling a leg injury that curtailed his time on the park.

Ljube Jancev is the type of coach that really get the best out of him as he tends to favour a game plan which involves a quick counterattack, right up the ally of this diminutive speedster.

In the absence of Jimmy Aschner it will be up to Bruni to step up and make every post a winner.



# NSW Soccer Federation

## J-P's Coaching Tips

### Hi Everyone,

As you read this week's article, I am currently in Thailand as part of the Coerver Senior Elite Coaching Program.

I am touring with 32 players and their families through Thailand and China, visiting other Coerver soccer schools and football academies around the region.

Touring with a team is great opportunity to have a taste of what it is like to be a professional footballer. You learn a lot about your team mates and also what it takes to back-up every day from playing and training. But the most important part is the memories of being with your friends playing football. I'll update you about what's happening in next week's column.

Also, commiserations to Alen Stajic and the NSW Sapphires in their opening game of the Women's National Soccer League. I know that Alen and the girls will bounce back from this and do the business against Adelaide next week.

Now onto this week's tip. So far in this series, I haven't mentioned anything in regards to the goalkeeper. This is a common mistake that many coaches make when coaching junior teams. Normally, if a coach has never spent any time between the sticks, they find it difficult to effectively coach this position. As you all know, a good goalkeeper can mean the difference between winning and losing a game, or even a league. As modern coaches, we need to understand the technicalities of this often overlooked discipline.

A couple of weeks ago, Jim Fraser, Soccer Australia's National Goalkeeping Coach, put on the second "Youth Goalkeeper Coaching Licence Course" ever held in NSW at Valentine Sports Park. The 20 participants ranged from goalkeepers with NSL experience to the youth coach without any goalkeeping experience.

They covered topics such as the role of the goalkeeper, goalkeeper specific warm-up and stretching skills, basic goalkeeping techniques, how to analyze and correct problems, organise periodic training programs and how to coach game awareness with plenty of practical work included as well.

To give you an example of one the techniques the coaches learnt, we will focus on the most basic of goalkeeping skills, ball handling.

### Ball Handling

What sets a goalkeeper apart from all other players is their ability to use their hands.

The ability to hold a powerful shot is dependent on the goalkeepers ability to use hand-eye coordination, concentration, technique and body positioning.

Many goalkeeping coaches talk of the idea of a goalkeeper having "soft-hands", or the ability to cushion the blow of a ball rather than have "hard-hands" that makes a slapping sound when the ball comes in contact with their hands and more often than not means that the ball is batted or parried away.

Good ball handling technique requires a goalkeeper to be first in the correct standing position. That is feet slightly shoulder width apart, legs slightly bent and with their weight slightly forward. This is important because it allows the keeper to move in any direction quickly and efficiently.

As the ball approaches the keeper, they have to make a decision as to which technique they should use to gather the ball. For this exercise, we will focus on 3 types of balls, along the ground, chest high, head high that do not require diving.

### Gathering a ball along the Ground

There are 2 techniques which are acceptable to gather a ball along the ground that are directed straight at a keeper.

#### a) The Knee Drop



- the keeper faces the direction that the ball is coming from in the stance
- as the ball approaches, keeper drops one knee to the ground
- with fingers of both hands pointed downwards and the little fingers slightly touching, the ball is scooped up into the chest taking the pace off the ball

#### b) The Walk Through



Similar to the knee drop, the keeper is facing the direction of the ball in the stance as the ball approaches, the keeper keeps their body behind the path of the ball, and takes a slight step towards the ball when the ball is within range of handling, the keeper chooses a side and bends from the waist and again scoops the ball into the chest, maintaining control of the ball at all times and continues moving in the same direction.

### A Ball into the Chest



- The keeper faces the direction that the ball is coming from in the stance
- As the ball approaches, the palms of the keepers hands are turned upwards, and the arms are slightly lower than that of the balls path.
- When the ball is in range, the hands and arms follow the ball into the chest of the keeper with the elbows close together preventing the ball from coming loose.
- This technique is improved through much practice, as timing is critical depending on the speed and power of the shot.

### Head High



- In actual fact this technique may also be applied to many other techniques in goalkeeping also.
- Once again the goalkeeper faces the direction that the ball is coming from in the stance
- As the ball approaches, the hands are raised to form a "W" behind the ball with the fingers and thumbs. This placement of the hands allows for the optimum handling of the ball in the air and also on the ground, and should be analysed regularly to ensure that a goalkeepers technique is correct
- As the ball touches the hands, the arms should give slightly to cushion the ball and create the "soft-hands" feel and sound
- Once the ball is in the hands, the ball should be brought into the chest in a similar fashion to the previous technique with the hands over the ball and the elbows together, to ensure that the oncoming striker doesn't knock it out.

Although these techniques sound simple, they require many hours of practice to make them look simple. The secret to being a good goalkeeper is to have a good technique. It is important that this is coached correctly to prevent bad habits creeping in.

If you are interested in doing a Youth Goalkeeping Licence Course, contact Tricia at the NSW Soccer Federation by e-mail ([tricia@soccernsw.com.au](mailto:tricia@soccernsw.com.au)) or phone (9629 1800).

That's all for this week.  
Until Next Week,  
Happy Coaching,

Jean-Paul de Marigny  
Coaching and Development Manager  
NSW Soccer Federation



# Pathways to Success

In the last couple of weeks we saw the best Youth League players in Australia contest the National Talent Identification Championships at Valentine Sports Park, Glenwood.

From this tournament a squad of 23 players was selected to go into camp to form the basis of the Australian Under 17 National Team.

There has been a lot of discussion in the media and around the sidelines about the pathway that a player takes from the grassroots to the elite level. At the moment, many clubs are in the processing trialling for season 2003. This article is for the new-comer to the game of soccer in Australia and the seasoned veteran as an educational tool and refresher course.

One of the most frequently asked questions that I get from parents starting their children out in the game is "How does my child become the next Harry Kewell?" Well, apart from having an abundance of natural talent, hours of dedicated training and a overpowering will to succeed, you need to follow

the development pathway.

Soccer Australia National Coaching and Development has a very detailed program to identify the talented player. This is the product of years of experience and also input from the latest scientific information regarding physiological development of the young athlete.

The start of the pathway begins with participation at the local club level, or sometimes referred to as the grassroots. It is from the ages of 6-10 years of age that players learn the basic skills of the game and play for enjoyment rather than competition.

From here, the talented player may choose to trial for their local representative team at the ages of 11-12, and then progressing onto the Youth League competition from years 13-17. The ages of 11-12 are the most formative years in the development of the elite player, and it is important that during that period, they receive the best possible coaching for skills and technique. The use of regional / zone academies or the Coerver Coaching system are an ideal way of improving the technical ability of play-

ers at a young age so that by the time they reach youth league level, there are equipped with the right tools of the trade.

As the youth player develops physically, the level and type of coaching changes accordingly. Skills based training is then coupled with more strength and stamina work. As can be seen by this process, it is imperative that the coaches responsible for these athletes are educated and qualified in the best coaching techniques to accomplish this job. This is the reason why the NSW Soccer Federation (NSWSF) is applying minimum coaching standards across the NSWSF Youth League competitions. The better the coaches we have, the better the players they produce.

During the Youth League period, the talented athlete is identified through either the Youth League Competition or the State Titles for regional players. The pinnacle of this process is the National Talent Identification Championships mentioned previously, with National Team selection the goal of all who participate.

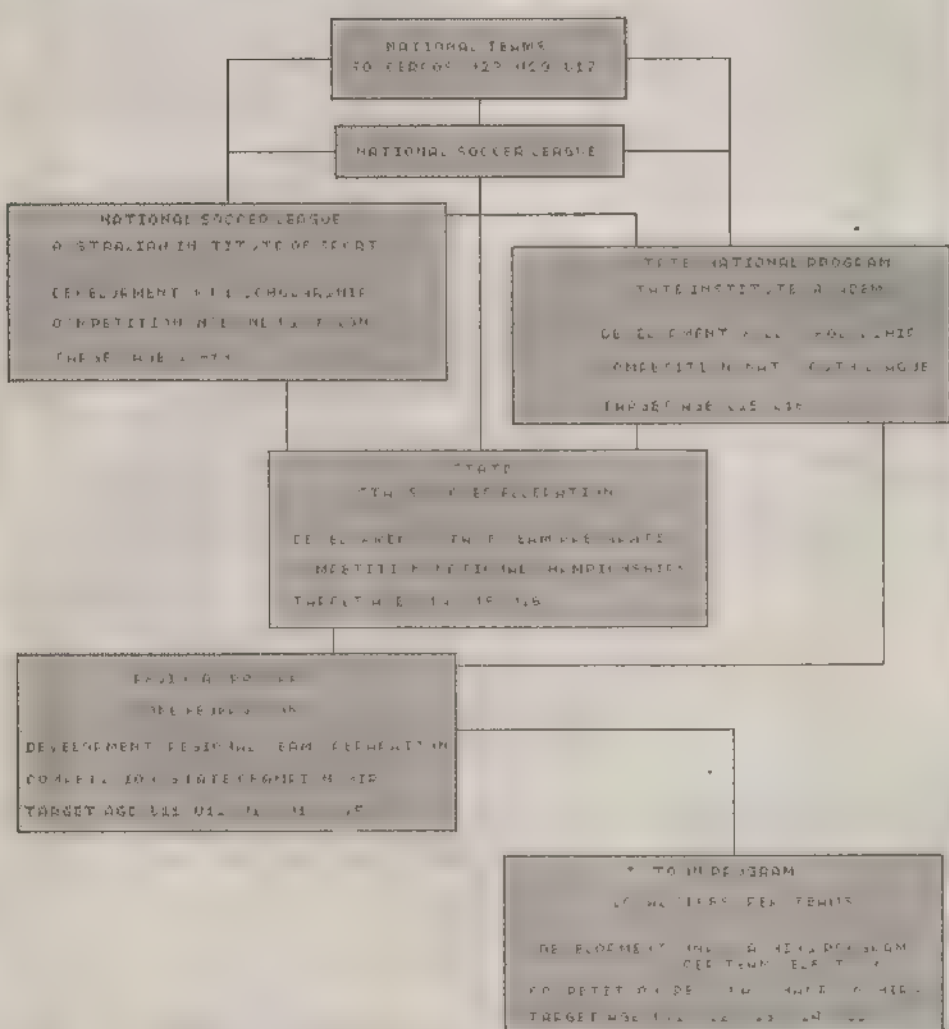
The eight NSW players pictured below have made this transition from the grass roots to the elite youth level and will potentially represent Australia at the Under 17 World Championships.

Although the pathway described above is a possible path to success, it is not the only path. It is not compulsory to have been a member of a State Academy or Institute of Sport program to make it to the top (Of course it doesn't hurt either). A talented player may play at a Youth League Level for all their teen years, before being identified for possible National League Selection or further.

So when you are out there trialling or have a child trialling in the Youth League competition remember that the pathway to success has many routes. If the drive and dedication is inside a player, there is nothing that can stop them.

By Adam Mark  
Corporate Communications Media and  
Marketing Manager  
New South Wales Soccer Federation

## Player Identification



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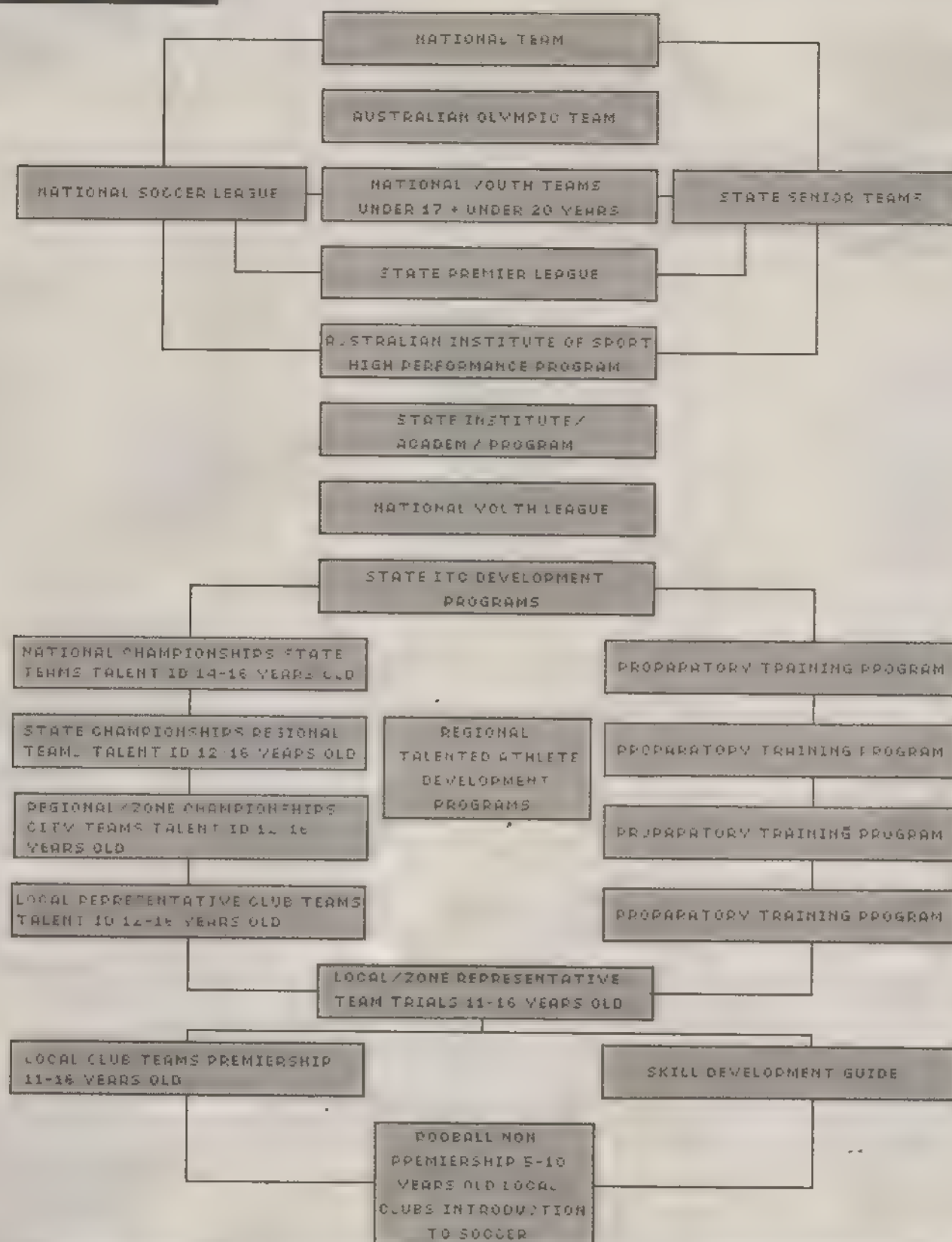




# Pathways to Success



## Development Pathway



Diagrams courtesy of Soccer Australia



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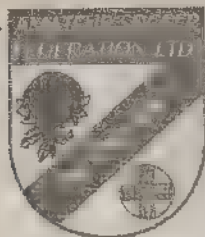


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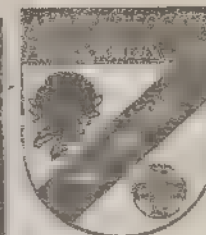
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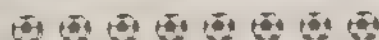


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## CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS FINALS DAY

Once again the Champions of Champions Finals day will be a show-down of soccer not to be missed. Soccer in NSW is abuzz with excitement as 30 of the best Association teams in the State prepare for a spectacular day of top notch soccer.

Teams from Port Kembla, Central Coast, Ulladulla, Woolgoolga and metropolitan Sydney have battled their way through 4 rounds of this knockout tournament to qualify for the Finals.

### CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS FINALS DAY INFORMATION

Sunday 20th October 2002.

Valentine Sports Park.

235 - 257 Meurants Lane,

Glenwood NSW.

The spectacular Champion of Champions Finals Day, will see teams from Under 10 to Over 35s and All Age battle it out from 8.30 am, with the final game scheduled to kick off at 2.45 pm.

### DRAW

AGE	TEAM A	TEAM B	FIELD NO.	TIME
U/10	Eastwood St.	Marconi Juniors.	3	08.30
U/11	Eastern Suburbs S.C.	Northbridge.	2	08.30
U/12	Pagewood Botany.	Lane Cove.	1	08.30
U/13	Albion Park.	Kincumber S.C.	3	09.45
U/14	Port Kembla.	Woolgoolga S.C.	3	11.15
U/15	Maccabi S.C.	Kincumber S.C.	1	09.45
U/16	Port Kembla.	Como West Jannali.	1	11.15
U/17	Inter Lions S.C.	Gymea United.	3	12.45
U/18	Thornleigh S.C.	Menai Hawks.	3	14.45
U/21	Ramsgate RSL.	Barden Ridgebacks.	1	12.45
AA	All Saints Oatley West	Brookvale S.C.	1	14.45
O/35	Merrylands S.F.C.	Engadine Eagles.	2	11.15
U/14W	Milton Ulladulla.	Churchs United.	2	09.45
U/16W	Oak Flats.	Gymea United S.C.	2	11.15
AAW	St George Olympic	Seasiders.	2	12.45

### OFFICIAL PROGRAM

The official Champion of Champions program will be available from the official office on the day and is free of charge.

### SOCCER WEARHOUSE

The Soccer Wearhouse will again be open in Lecture Room 3 at Valentine Park where you can purchase your official Champion of Champions T-shirts and Caps along with heaps of other soccer gear at specially reduced prices on the day.

### OFFICIAL PRESENTATIONS

Team presentations will take place in the Valentine Park Auditorium immediately after each game.

All Players and officials are required to be dressed in their full team strip for presentations.

Players are required to remove their boots before entering the auditorium.

No food, drink or alcohol is permitted inside the auditorium.

After Presentation Players and officials will be required to move to Lecture Room 1 for official team photos.

### TEAM PHOTOS, ACTION PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

Official Team Photos by A-One Sports Photography

Team photos will be taken in Lecture Room 1 immediately after official presentations.

Orders for official team photos are to be placed with A-One Photography on the day.

Full payment will be required by A-One photography to secure your order and team photos cost \$11.00

Action photos by Instant Photos Australia

Action shots of all players will be taken during their games the day.

All photos will be available for purchase on the day from the Instant Photos tent located near Field 1. (Note: Action photos are only available for purchase on finals day).

Video coverage by MOJOVE Quality Video Productions

Peter Taylor will be taking a video of each game played on the day. A copy of the video will be available after the presentations for \$28.00 and will only be available on the day.

The Champion of Champions Finals day will conclude after the presentation and official photos of the Over 35, AA Men and U18 Winners and Runners Up at approximately 5:30pm.

### RESULTS, DRAW AND GROUND LISTING

The Champion of Champions results, draw and ground listing is available on-line at www.nswasf.com.au under Competitions.

### ENQUIRIES

All enquiries phone Sandra Romano or Competition Secretary, Bill Cullinan during business hours on (02) 9629 2833 or after hours on mobile 0418 961 861.

## THE SEASIDERS SOCCER CLUB

The Seasideers are the smallest club in the Manly Warringah Soccer Association, this year registering only 60 players in 4 teams. However, "small" doesn't mean "unsuccessful".

The Senior Women's team in particular, have achieved significant success over the past 10 years, including 10 MWSA Major Premierships and 8 Grand Final victories.

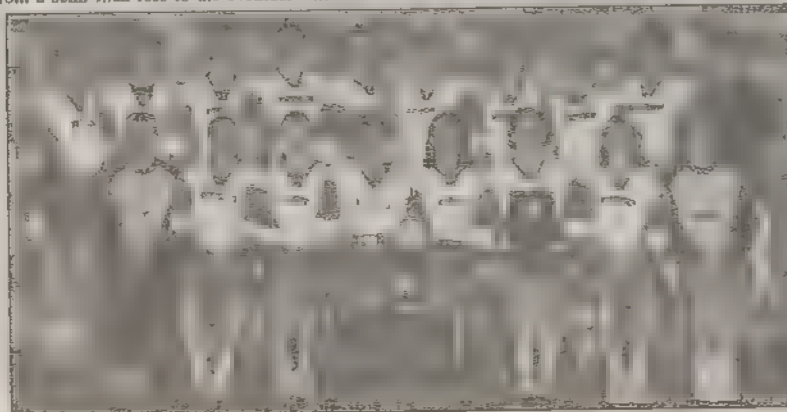
Of the 10 Champions of Champions campaigns so far, 7 have ended in the final, with wins on 5 occasions.

The worst result being in the first year, 1993, going out in the second round. Since then, aside from a semi final loss to the eventual winners in

1995, every final has seen the Seasideers take part.

The reason for their success is simple, they are more like a family than a team. Players who have known each other and played together for 20 years or more in some cases make a wonderful nucleus to build upon.

This year their aim is to achieve history. To become the first ever Women's team in NSW to complete back to back State Cup titles and Champions of Champions titles. In achieving this they will also complete a hat trick of Champions of Champions titles, thus making the Seasideers the most successful senior women's team in NSW soccer history.



Will the Seasideers make history?

## FUTURE JOEYS SQUAD SELECTED

National Youth Coach Ange Postecoglou has selected a 23-man Australian Under 17 team squad to go into camp as the build-up begins for next year's FIFA Under 17 World Championship Oceania qualifiers.

Players have been selected after competing in the week-long National Talent Identification Championships.

The squad includes eight players from NSW and two from Northern NSW. These boys have managed to progress through the amateur grass roots system to be within a whisker of representing their country.

We at the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation congratulate all 23 boys on their achievement and share in their joy and that of their dedicated parents.

Will these boys achieve the ultimate and represent Australia in the World Cup, we sure hope so.

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# ABSW CORRESPONDENTS

With Euro 2004 qualifiers taking centre stage over the weekend, our three correspondents could not be included with the usual weekly league wraps. Instead they have been combined onto one page and have been joined by a new column penned by Greg Moss - whose emphasis this week is on the revolving nature of the football manager. Joe and Alain have this week emphasised the wash-up of Italy and France's relatively successful qualifying matches. Italy recorded a tough 1-1 draw with Yugoslavia while France trounced Slovenia 5 nil.

The English Odyssey as usual provides its readers with the best off field and on field of the English game. Read each and enjoy the flavours of the global game from a perspective that each fan can relate to.

## ITALIAN AFFAIR

By Joe Russo

Last Saturday night in Naples, at the San Paolo Stadium, Italy without Christian Vieri and Francesco Totti were anything but convincing. In fact thanks to an Alex Del Piero free kick the Azzurri managed to equalise after Yugoslavia had taken the lead and then it remained one all until the final whistle.

After the match Italian coach Giovanni Trapattoni blamed everyone and everything except himself.

The absentees (Vieri and Totti), Alessandro Nesta (for allowing the opposition the first goal) and the heavy ground, were all used as excuses for the Azzurri performance.

However, Del Piero and Filippo Inzaghi are in such stunning form for their respective clubs, it is hard to fathom why they couldn't replicate it for Italy.

Italy lacked ideas and seemed content to use long balls in an attempt to break down the opposition defence. The Italian fans deserve better. This lack of creativity is harming the game.

Sure Vieri and Totti are vital cogs in any armour but, with their absence, wouldn't it have been an ideal chance to extend an olive branch to Roberto Baggio?

After Trapattoni ignored him for the World Cup because he wasn't match fit, the veteran would have made an ideal replacement in the team. Forget the idea that he is too old - he is still a great player and one of the better performers each week for Brescia in the Serie A.

Tomorrow night (Wednesday) Italy are way to Wales at Cardiff and that too won't be an easy game. Italy will really need to improve in the short space of four days if they are to come away with maximum points.

If they come home as losers Trapattoni should resign immediately and if they draw he should seriously consider it. He was a great coach in the past but is now definitely yesterday's hero.

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The club versus country debate has had another episode this time in Italy. Australia is of course used to it: players are mysteriously injured when the national team calls yet they are available for their club a few days later.

In England recently Man Utd's Paul Scholes played for his club the day after he couldn't play for England and David Beckham's withdrawal through injury at the same time raised a lot of scepticism. Needless to say it earned the ire of Sven Goran Eriksson. Last week in Italy the doubters were at it again and rightly so. However, Trapattoni, not a man to mess with, decided that 'transparency' was required and Totti was called into the national team.

Despite his club doctor at Roma ruling him out through injury, the Italian team doctor still had to conduct an independent medical. Totti was ruled out after this medical and therefore there could be no murmurs that the injury may be fake.

This is the way it should be done. All players should always be called up, irrespective whether they are ruled out injured by their clubs, and the national team doctor shall have the final say. Take note Soccer Australia and well done Trapattoni - your off field form is much better than your own field performance as coach!

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This week at the San Siro in Milan it is the clash, affectionately known as the 'derby of Italy', between Inter and Juventus.

The rivalry and jealousy between these two teams can never be underestimated.

Marcello Lippi the Juventus coach spent just over a season at Inter before he was sacked and then returned to Juve. He will certainly be 'welcomed' at the San Siro by the Inter supporters.

Juventus have what Inter so badly want - the Scudetto. Last year Inter seemed to be cruising to the league title only to get beaten at the post by Juve. It was the last round and Ronaldo who cried like a baby displayed the bitterness of finishing ever so close.

This match should live up to all expectations. Inter at home may just get the points but it will only be by a one goal margin.

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The Serie B has since the start of the season been playing all their games on a Saturday night. However, the 20 clubs in Italy's second division will return to the traditional Sunday afternoon 3.00pm kick off starting next month.

On the positive side 80,000 more spectators attended the games but with winter fast approaching they feared that the reverse would happen. The Saturday night idea, which came about to satisfy pay-TV, will be resurrected in April when the warmer months come about.

The real loser from the experiment though was tradition. Matches in Italy have traditionally been played on a Sunday afternoon and that is where they should stay. Tradition is what made Italian football great and it should be maintained.

## ENGLISH ODYSSEY

By Stuart Jones

Welcome back to another week of football from Blighty and this week we start with news from the north east. Sunderland has announced Howard Wilkinson as their new manager after Peter Reid's departure from the Stadium of Light. Wilkinson has been out of day to day management since 1996, although he has been working for the FA as their technical director.

Wilkinson has never been relegated as a manager and his biggest achievement was raising Leeds from the second division to the top division title in 1992. He has been released from his contract at the FA. Former Cheltenham manager, and until last week Stoke City boss, Steve Cotterill, has been announced as Wilkinson's assistant. It might be a bigger challenge for him as he has been his own boss for the last seven years. The club said they had been unhappy with the club's performance over the last 18 months and pressure from the plc had led to the removing of Reid. Further south and Hull City have lost their manager, Jan Molby. The Tigers were a club in ruin just a few years back before new owners bought out David Lloyd. At that time Brian Little took charge but he left the club in February and was replaced by Molby. However after only two wins from 12 starts Molby offered his resignation. This was after the loss to Molby's old club Kidderminster. The club refused the offer however less than a week later they had sacked him. Roy McFarland is one of the names being mentioned as a replacement.

Way further south and Steve Coppell's appointment as manager of Brighton has caused a stir amongst the fans. You see Coppell has been in charge of Crystal Palace four times, and let us just put it that the two clubs are not known for getting along too well. The side has been on a huge losing streak and Coppell has been very forthright in saying he is not sure how they will turn things around - not the message the fans would want to hear, although perhaps a realistic one.

Meanwhile Terry Yorath has been assured of his position at Sheffield Wednesday by the board, stay tuned for news next week on this one.....(isn't there always a sting in the tail?)

Leicester City have asked all their players to take a pay cut of 20 per cent to help the club survive their current financial crisis. They have also had their shares on the stockmarket suspended as they look to overcome the real monetary problems they are having after being relegated from the Premier League and seeing the ITV digital deal fall through.

Wimbledon co-owner Bjorn Gjelsten has warned that if the club don't move to Milton Keynes the club would be finished by 2004. Fans of the club (sic - I mean does anyone know a fan of the Don?) have reacted with anger over the statements. Those fans set up their own club, AFC Wimbledon, and it is said this club is getting larger support than the original version (Mum, Dad and Grandma should about do it).

The league is yet to make a final decision on the move and have asked for more information from the club before deciding whether they can go to Milton Keynes. Another club in financial difficulties is Burnley but they have dismissed reports in local media that they are to sell their ground.

Turf Moor, and their training facilities at Gawthorpe. They have admitted to considering the idea, which would lead them to leaving the same facilities back, but have said that this was not the option they decided upon.

Good news for Huddersfield this week with a 'mystery' benefactor offering cash for the team's survival. They were another club looking at reducing the players wage bill substantially. Pele has been asked to scout for Fulham in Brazil. So many things could be added to that, but perhaps it is best to leave it to the imagination. Sergei Rebrov is desperate to leave Spurs when the transfer window reopens according to reports.

The real issue is who blames him and who is not desperate to leave - now that would make better, and more unusual, news. Kind of man bites dog article. Carlisle United's bid to come out of administration has been delayed after the high court hearing was put back at least a week. This means the club can not yet be put in the hands of John Courtenay and Roddie Collins can not sign the players he wants to.

Arsenal are to offer Arsene Wenger a job in the boardroom once he has completed his coaching. It will be interesting to see if he takes up this offer as he seems to be a man who enjoys coaching and it would not surprise to see him on the international stage at one time in the future, possibly with an Asian team.

Speaking of the only team in North London that matters (apologies to Leyton Orient fans - you guys deserve to count but let us call you a team from the east), there is one record Arsenal has not achieved in their current run. Nottingham Forest were undefeated for 42 matches in 1977/78.

To break that record Arsenal can not lose a match in the whole of 2002 - another 13 games. Whilst all the bad news on the finance front continues Newcastle United have announced a record turnover of 70.9 million pounds last financial year. Profits have tripled but wages have increased 20% at the same time. They had an average of 51373 people at home games last season.

This week there were reports of Paul Gascoigne going to St James Park. However all you Newcastle fans out there know there is another St James Park - at Exeter and the player manager position there was where Gazza was being linked to. By weeks end Exeter had denied their interest but it sold newspapers in the opposite ends of England for a couple of days, what with the headline 'Gazza to link up at St James Park'.

Until next time have fun and keep loving the game.

## ALAIN'S CORNER

By Alain Barataud

### The Blues Festival

Paris was on fire last Saturday night for the match against Slovenia. Eighty thousand people turned out to watch the French national team play their first game at home since the game against Belgium in May at Stade de France prior to World Cup 2002.

Jacques Santini selected a very good squad of a mix of generations. Desailly and Company (part of the France 1998 adventure) and the latest generation of players lead by Mexes, Cisse, Gallas and Cheyrou.

In August when the team played against Tunisia with their new coach, the first game was a difficult draw. A few weeks later in Cyprus, the team had a good win and now in their own stadium, all expected a good game, a reaction and something positive from Zidane, Vieira, Henry and the boys. The answer was clear, simple and explosive... five - nil and reminiscent of form from the past four years that Les Bleues seemed to have lost when they played in Korea.

As I mentioned a few weeks ago, what had happened in Korea-Japan may have been a slip-up though over the weekend we watched them play beautiful football against a good Slovenian side. France was too good and too strong, possessing a lot of quality around the park and was, in one word - marvellous.

Guided by their creator, Zinedine Zidane, showing top form, and supported in midfield by two giants, Makelele and Vieira, the Slovenian team didn't stand a chance and Barthez cruised through an easy night. The defence was so good, like games past, with a superb Thuram on the right and a very good Gallas, for his first cap, that looked like he had been part of the team for years. Silvestre was very uncomplicated too and after been criticized big time in the last week, Desailly, for his one hundredth cap with the French team, was again in top form.

With a defence like this, France are going to be very intimidating again for the other teams as once upon a time especially with their shining attack last week. Blazing along was Henry, Wiltord, Govou and Marlet lead by Zidane, scoring four goals on five - the first one from Vieira served by Henry. To be honest, without the Slovenian keeper, the score would have been seven or eight to zero, so good was the game of the men of Jacques Santini.

Lizarazu, Petit, Cisse, Micoud, Candela, Anelka, Kapo, Rame, Pires and Trezeguet were out injured. Imagine the team of Santini, when they're all back on track. Jacques Santini can be very happy as his rapidly improved French team has the potential to regain their character of the last few years. All around the globe, teams are beginning to feel uneasy as France continues to play this beautiful and dynamic football with the solid defense and midfield that confirmed their winning status in 1998 and 2000.

Their strikers are in the top ten of Europe with top scorers last season such as Henry in England, Trezeguet in Italy and Cisse in France.

Very close to the top are Wiltord, Govou and Marlet and France looks to be back from their Korean nightmare wanting to prove they are still the best team in the world even if they lost their title in Korea.

On a more serious note, as a former expatriate soccer player in Bali, Indonesia. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt sympathy and thoughts to the victims and their families of the tragic event in Kuta on Saturday, 12 October. May peace be with you all and a swift recovery to those with injuries.

## FROM THE STANDS WITH THE FAN

By Greg Moss

It didn't take long. The first Premier League managerial casualty has occurred, Former Manchester City manager Peter Reid, is now also the former Sunderland Manager. When Peter Reid's sacking was announced late on Monday, many called for a charismatic figure to replace the likeable but limited manager.

And those Black Cats fans hoping that Reid's rather workmanlike tactics will be replaced by a brand of flowing beautiful football are set to have their hopes dashed.

It's been six years since good old Howard Wilkinson managed in the Premiership, but memories of his last days at Leeds, still fill fans at Elland Road with dread.

In the politest way possible, it seems that Sunderland have replaced hard working and tireless effort, for boredom and by the book coaching? Only time will tell which method works. By me it's to the Nationwide... And Beyond...

But wait, there's more. Ipswich Town sacked long-serving manager George Burley on Friday following the poor start to Towns first season back in the Nationwide.

Burley, the former Ipswich playing hero, has been manager since 1994 and after an impressive first season in the Premiership in 2000, the following season saw the Tractor Boys finish an impressive fifth and qualify for Europe.

However, in the following campaign Ipswich struggled and were relegated in May, after finishing 18th. This season Burley's side has struggled to come to terms with nationwide football and have won only three of their ten games.

Loyalty is dead, as results are proving the key to a secure managerial position. Are the chairman's of these club's acting in haste, are they forgetting how very far these men have brought these clubs.

Is the craving for success outweighing the reality of stability? What next, will the might of Manchester United sack Sir Alex because they lost to Bolton? I think not.

Perhaps the smaller clubs should concentrate on trying to join the Manchester's and the Arsenal's, (after all, last seasons champions have recently boasted offering Arsene Wenger the position for life and Sir Alex has been at Old Trafford forum, forever?) rather than trying to beat them...





# Euro 2004 Qualifiers



## FRANCE SLOVENIA

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**S**teve Marlet scored twice as defending champions France recorded their second successive win in EURO 2004 Group 1 by humbling Slovenia 5-0 at the Stade de France in Paris.

It was a particularly sweet moment for captain Marcel Desailly, who was making his 100th appearance in a French shirt. His pleasure at the clean sheet will no doubt have been enhanced by the presence of

Chelsea FC colleague William Gallas, who was making his debut alongside his club team-mate in central defence.

France controlled the game from start to finish and the result was never in doubt once Patrick Vieira had exchanged passes with his Arsenal FC team-mate Thierry Henry and slipped the ball past Marko Simeunovic in the tenth minute.

It might have been 1-0 five

minutes earlier, but Zinedine Zidane's goal-bound shot was deflected on to a post with Simeunovic beaten.

After France's explosive start, Slovenia gradually came back into the game, and could have drawn level on 20 minutes. Ermin Siljak raced clear, but his attempted chip failed to clear Fabien Barthez in the home goal. France hit back, and Zidane was again unfortunate on the half hour mark. Picking up another loose ball, he skipped past

two defenders and forced Simeunovic into a spectacular tip over the crossbar.

On 35 minutes, Henry's through-ball sent Wiltord racing down the right and his unselfish pass left Steve Marlet with a simple finish from less than two metres to double France's advantage.

France began the second half in leisurely fashion, and allowed their opponents more of the ball without ever looking threatened. Four minutes past the hour, the game was effectively ended as a contest when Lilian Thuram's low cross was turned in at the near post by Marlet for his second goal of the game.

Henry might have added to the lead a minute later after working space for himself inside the area, but fired his shot straight at Simeunovic. However, eleven minutes from time, Wiltord got the goal his performance deserved, playing a one-two with Zidane before breaking into the penalty area and firing into the far corner of the goal.

Substitute Sidney Govou completed the rout four minutes from time, heading Mikael Silvestre's cross beyond Simeunovic and into the corner of the net. Slovenia had Sasa Gajser dismissed in added time, but by then the result had long since been decided.



Zinedine Zidane of France tussles with Miran Pavlin of Slovenia.

## SLOVAKIA ENGLAND

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**M**ichael Owen struck a priceless winner to inspire England to victory as Slovakia threatened a European Championship upset.

Sven-Goran Eriksson's side were in danger of being on the wrong end of a shock when Middlesbrough's Szilard Nemeth gave Slovakia a deserved first-half lead.

But England - as wretched as the weather in rain-swept Bratislava in the opening 45 minutes - staged a second-half recovery

ery inspired by master marksman Owen.

David Beckham sent a surge of relief through England's camp by floating in a free-kick for the equaliser - then Owen snatched a late winner in typical predatory fashion.

Eriksson will regard this as one of England's poorer performances, but he will gratefully accept the victory that gets the 2004 European Championship campaign off to a winning start.

Slovakia posted the warning

signals as early as the sixth minute when Nemeth released Robert Vittek, but he slipped as he seemed certain to score and Gary Neville cleared.

England failed to take advantage of the reprieve and it was no surprise when Slovakia took the lead after 24 minutes.

Vladimir Janocko's cross was met by Attila Pinte at the far post, and he provided Nemeth with a simple opportunity to score from eight yards.

Jonathan Woodgate gave

Slovakia their first scare after 38 minutes when he headed against goalkeeper Miroslav Konig from point-blank range.

And seconds later Beckham floated a chip over the bar.

The latter stages of the first half were marred by crowd unrest as police clashed with England supporters and Slovakia fans.

England had to improve - and they did as the second half opened in bruising fashion with a succession of heavy challenges.

Beckham escaped a yellow card for a dreadful foul on Martin Petras, but Vladimir Leitner was booked for exacting retribution on England's captain.

But he silenced his tormentors when his free-kick gave England

the equaliser they craved after 65 minutes.

Beckham's set-piece floated in from an angle, narrowly avoiding Owen as he attempted to get the faintest of touches with his head.

The momentum had swung in England's favour, and Owen was on the mark again as Eriksson's side edged into the lead with seven minutes left.



Attila Pinte of Slovakia slides in on David Beckham.

Paul Scholes' cross deflected off Peter Dzurik and Owen poached a header at the near post to give England victory.

## ITALY YUGOSLAVIA

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**Y**ugoslavia frustrated Italy to grab an important point on Italian soil and open their EURO 2004 Group 9 qualifying campaign in positive fashion.

The visiting side got off to an excellent start in Naples when Predrag Mijatovic scored 27 minutes into the game. Alessandro Nesta's mistake in a tackle

gave the ball to Mijatovic just outside the penalty area on the left and he ran at Gianluigi Buffon before bending the ball past the Italy goalkeeper, who had stayed on his line.

Buffon's Juventus team-mate, the in-form Alessandro Del Piero, pulled Italy level eleven minutes later. Awarded a free-kick outside the penalty area on the left, Del Piero curled the ball towards

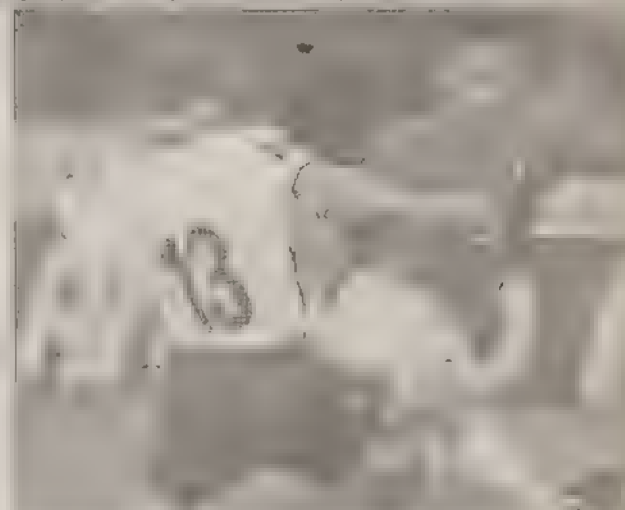
the top left-hand corner. The ball hit the wall, took a deflection off Mijatovic and went into the top right-hand corner, leaving Dragoslav Jevric in the Yugoslavia goal stranded.

Italy briefly looked like they might take control of the match, but Yugoslavia came out stronger in the second half, forcing Buffon into a succession of spectacular saves. The result means Italy remain top

of the group on four points, one more than Wales who they visit on Wednesday.

After being criticised for playing too defensively at the World Cup and in their first EURO 2004 qualifier against Azerbaijan, this match was billed as the comeback of attacking football for Italy.

Coach Giovanni Trapattoni had selected his most offensive formation yet - a 4-3-1-2 set-up that closely mirrored the one currently used by AC Milan, but were unable to force a winner.



Igor Duljaj (Yugoslavia) and Luciano Zauri (Italy) square off in their match that ended one all.

## SPAIN NORTHERN IRELAND

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**S**ammy McIlroy saw his Irish side given a harsh lesson in their opening Euro 2004 qualifier in Albacete.

Two goals from Ruben Baraja and one from Guti gave the world's number two-ranked side a comfortable victory to leave them in pole position in Group Six.

Spain, hardly had to get out of third gear as they stroked the ball around at will.

Spain were captained by Raul, who had recovered from a groin injury in time for the game.

The Irish had a scare after only two minutes when a poor clearance from goalkeeper Mark Taylor found Guti 30 yards out.

Spain took the lead after 19 minutes when Baraja out-jumped Colin Murdoch and headed past Taylor following Xavi's delicate chip.

The Irish almost conceded a second goal after 22 minutes when Raul found space outside the area, only to drag his shot wide.

Keith Gillespie was having a running battle with Ivan Helguera

and both players were yellow carded after squaring up in the 33rd minute.

Despite going behind, the Irish were making a decent fist of it as half-time approached.

Raul Bravo tried his luck from 30 yards but his powerful shot whistled over the bar.

Phil Mulryne released Damien Johnson as the Irish made a rare surge forward. However, his cross was comfortably cut out by goalkeeper Iker Casillas.

Then Vicente saw his shot came

back off the post after it took a slight deflection off Taggart on the stroke of half time.

-McIlroy, from his position in the stand, decided to keep things as they were at half-time.

Vicente then tested Taylor with a fierce shot from an acute angle which the goalkeeper did well to parry.

These were anxious times for the Irish as they struggled to keep possession.

The Spanish turned up the heat and added a second goal in the 59th minute - again from a header.

Guti ghosted into the box and nodded the ball beyond Taylor after a cross from Xavi.

Raul, who had been struggling with his fitness in recent weeks,

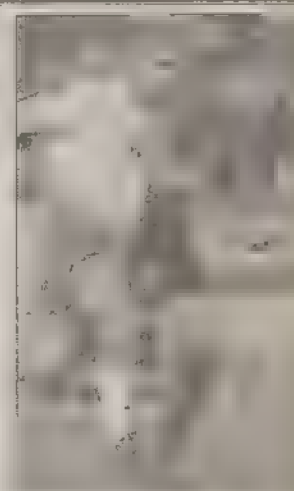
came off after 62 minutes and was replaced by Morientes.

The Irish made a double substitution three minutes later, with McVeigh and Horlock coming off. Healy and Michael Hughes were drafted in.

Hughes quickly got into his stride and broke forward in the 70th minute to send a shot narrowly wide of the target.

Baraja should have extended Spain's lead after 75 minutes but somehow managed to screw his shot wide of the post from inside the six yard area.

However, he made no mistake two minutes before time when he latched onto the rebound after Taylor had parried a shot from sub Morientes.



Kevin Horlock of Northern Ireland holds onto Raul Gonzalez of Spain.





# Euro 2004 Qualifiers



## ICELAND

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## SCOTLAND

2

An early goal by Christian Dailly and a quality strike by Gary Naysmith earned Scotland their first win for more than a year, following six straight friendly defeats and the embarrassment of only drawing in the Faroe Islands last month.

Dailly's early breakthrough was an important settling factor of course and came after careless defending by Atli Edvaldsson's men.

He made no mistake when he rose to nod the resulting cross over a stranded

back line. It was his fourth goal in a Scotland shirt and extended his lead as the squad's top scorer.

Much had been made beforehand of the threat posed by Chelsea's Eidur Gudjohnsen and he underlined that in the 19th minute when only the crossbar denied him an equaliser.

Maurice Ross had conceded a free-kick on the Scots' right flank and it was quickly fed to Gudjohnsen, who skipped past Dailly to reach the box before unleashing a drive that had the beating of Robert

Douglas but not the woodwork.

Iceland sent on Watford's Heidar Helguson at the restart but within two minutes a chance had appeared at the other end when a Thompson head-on sent Crawford away.

The Dunfermline striker has been in excellent scoring form this season but his effort lacked conviction and was screwed harmlessly wide.

Gudjohnsen had only been fleetingly effective in his role as a deep striker but just before the hour mark it was his pass that opened up the Scots.

It allowed Bjarni Oskar Thorsteinsson to get into the box on the right side but when he fired in the shot Pressley threw himself in the way to make a vital block.

But then Naysmith provided an unanswerable reply and his goal was almost a carbon copy of the excellent Henrik Larsson strike that had illuminated last week's Old Firm derby.

Ross played the ball in from the right and the Everton man, with his back to goal, took it down with his right boot before using that "other" leg again to fire past Arason on the turn.

It was a first ever Scotland goal for the injury-plagued wing-back, who had had to pull out of almost



Christian Dailly scores Scotland's opener against Iceland.

twice as many games as the eight he has managed to take part in.

## UKRAINE

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## GREECE

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Ukraine made light of Andriy Shevchenko's absence to win 2-0 against Greece in the EURO EURO 2004 Group 6 qualifier in Kiev.

Second-half goals from Andriy Vorobey and Andriy Voronin secured a first victory for Leonid Buryak's men, who were missing the injured AC Milan star, while condemning the visitors to a second defeat in the section.

Vorobey struck on 51 minutes, the FC Shakhtar Donetsk player chesting down Hennadiy Zubo's right-wing cross before beating Antonis Nikopolidis with a coruscating finish. Then, after Nikopolidis had done well to keep out Vorobey, it was Voronin who scored the second in injury time, shooting into the top corner after a one-two with Maxym Kalinichenko.

However, Ukraine could consider

themselves lucky to have survived a first-half onslaught from the visitors with their defence unbreached. They were also fortunate that Greek substitute Zisis Vryzas passed up a great chance to equalise eleven minutes from time.

Greece had silenced the 50,000 crowd at the Olimpiyskiy stadium in the opening stages, and went close to breaking the deadlock through Themistoklis Nikolaidis.

First, the AEK Athens FC striker was denied by an excellent save by Vitaly Reva. Then, moments later, he failed to connect properly with

Angelos Charisteas's centre with the goal gaping.

Giorgos Karagounis also fired narrowly wide as the visitors looked to make amends for their opening home defeat by Spain.

Buryak changed the course of the game with a double substitution on 25 minutes, replacing Serhiy Serebrennikov and Gennadiy Moroz with goal hero Voronin and Olexandr Radchenko.

The effect was immediate. Voronin announced his arrival with an effort that fizzed centimetres wide before hitting the crossbar soon after.



Action between the Ukraine and Greece in a game that ended in favour of the home side.

## ANDORRA

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## BELGIUM

1

A second-half volley from Wesley Sonck allowed Belgium to scrape a 1-0 win over Andorra in a EURO 2004 Group 8 qualifier at the Communal stadium.

Sonck's goal spared Belgian blushes as he rifled in a shot after being found by a quick throw-in in the 61st minute of an otherwise dull and defensive match. The goal dismayed the

Andorran part-timers who thought the referee had blown for an offence before the ball hit the back of the net.

The victory gave Belgium the first points of their qualification campaign in a group topped by Bulgaria after they surprised the Belgians 2-0 last month. It was Belgium's first win under new coach Aimé Anthuenis.

The Red Devils began in timid fashion and looked to the wings and set-

pieces to open up the packed Andorra defence, but lacked real penetration. Andorra lost lone striker Juli Fernández in the sixth minute when he collided with team-mate Oscar Sonejee which only encouraged them to adopt an even more defensive approach. Belgium did manage to score in the 20th minute, but Thomas Buffel's goal was disallowed for offside.

Eight minutes later Belgium threatened once again when Bart Goor escaped on the left and clipped in a cross to the far post for the advancing Sonck. But the unmarked striker failed to make contact and the ball swerved

out of play. The game came to life in the final ten minutes of the first half when Yves Vanderhaeghe forced a sharp save from Andorra goalkeeper Koldo Alvarez and defender Olivier De Cock hit the post.

But the clearest scoring chance of the half fell to Andorra when Fernando Silva briefly escaped the attentions of the Belgian defence but only succeeded in sending a tame shot into the hands of goalkeeper Geert De Vlieger. The pace dropped once more after the break and it was only Sonck's classy strike that livened up an otherwise uneventful second half.



Wesley Sonck proved the difference as his strike gave Belgium a one-nil victory over Andorra.

## QUALIFYING ROUND

### 12/10/2002 Res

Iceland 0 Scotland 2, Sweden 1 Hungary 1, Moldova 0 Czech Republic 2, Bulgaria 2 Croatia 0, Lithuania 2 Faroe Islands 0, Belarus 0 Austria 2, Ukraine 2 Greece 0, Finland 3 Azerbaijan 0, Poland 0 Latvia 1, Malta 0 Israel 2, F.Y.R. Macedonia 1 Turkey 2, Denmark 2 Luxembourg 0, Slovakia 1 England 2, Romania 0 Norway 1, Andorra 0 Belgium 1, Albania 1 Switzerland 1, Italy 1 Yugoslavia 1, France 5 Slovenia 0, Spain 3 Northern Ireland 0.

#### GROUP ONE TABLE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	2	2	0	0	7	1	6
Slovenia	2	1	0	1	3	5	3
Israel	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Cyprus	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Malta	2	0	0	2	0	5	0

#### GROUP TWO TABLE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Denmark	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Norway	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Romania	2	1	0	1	3	1	3
Luxembourg	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Bosnia-H	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

#### GROUP THREE TABLE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Austria	2	2	0	0	4	0	6
Holland	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Czech Republic	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Moldova	2	0	0	2	0	4	0
Belarus	2	0	0	2	0	5	0

#### GROUP FOUR TABLE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Latvia	2	1	1	0	1	0	4
Poland	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
Sweden	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Hungary	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
San Marino	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

#### GROUP FIVE TABLE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Germany	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Lithuania	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Faroe Is	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Iceland	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

#### GROUP SIX TABLE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	2	2	0	0	5	0	6
Ukraine	2	1	1	0	4	2	4

Armenia	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
N Ireland	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Greece	2	0	0	2	0	4	0

#### GROUP SEVEN TABLE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Turkey	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
England	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Liechtenstein	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Macedonia	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Slovakia	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

#### GROUP EIGHT TABLE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bulgaria	2	2	0	0	4	0	6
Belgium	2	1	0	1	1	2	3
Estonia	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Croatia	2	0	1	1	0	2	1
Andorra	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

#### GROUP NINE TABLE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Italy	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Wales	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Finland	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Yugoslavia	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Azerbaijan	2	0	0	2	0	5	0

#### GROUP TEN TABLE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Switzerland	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Russia	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
Albania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rep Ireland	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
Georgia	1	0	0	1	1	4	0

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Israel v Cyprus  
Malta v France  
Norway v Bosnia  
Luxembourg v Romania  
Austria v Holland  
Czech v Belarus  
Hungary v San Marino  
Germany v Faroe Islands  
Iceland v Lithuania  
Greece v Armenia  
N.Ireland v Ukraine  
Turkey v Liechtenstein  
England v FYR Macedonia  
Estonia v Belgium  
Bulgaria v Andorra  
Yugoslavia v Finland  
Wales v Italy  
Ireland v Switzerland  
Russia v Albania



# WORLD TABLES

## ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE



### PREMIER LEAGUE - TABLES -

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Arsenal	9	7	2	0	24	9	23
2. Liverpool	9	6	3	0	19	8	21
3. Middlesbrough	9	5	2	2	13	5	17
4. Manchester U	9	5	2	2	12	6	17
5. Tottenham	9	5	1	3	13	13	16
6. Fulham	8	4	2	2	13	8	14
7. Chelsea	9	3	4	2	15	12	13
8. Newcastle	8	4	1	3	12	9	13
9. Leeds	9	4	1	4	11	9	13
10. Blackburn	9	3	3	3	11	10	12
11. Birmingham	9	3	2	4	10	11	11
12. Everton	9	3	2	4	11	14	11
13. Southampton	9	2	4	3	6	8	10
14. Aston Villa	9	3	1	5	6	9	10
15. West Bromwich	9	3	0	6	7	15	9
16. Manchester C	9	2	2	5	7	14	8
17. Sunderland	9	2	2	5	4	13	8
18. Bolton	8	2	1	5	8	14	7
19. Charlton	9	2	1	6	7	14	7
20. West Ham	8	1	2	5	8	16	5

### PREMIER LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

6	Sylvain Wiltord (Arsenal)
6	Thierry Henry (Arsenal)
6	Gianfranco Zola (Chelsea)
5	Kevin Campbell (Everton)
5	Michael Owen (Liverpool)
5	Nwankwo Kanu (Arsenal)
5	Alan Shearer (Newcastle)
4	Ruud van Nistelrooy (Man Utd)
4	Nicolas Anelka (Man City)
4	Massimo Maccarone (Middlesbrough)



Arsenal's dynamic duo of Sylvain Wiltord and Thierry Henry have both notched 6 goals a-piece in the Premier League.

### FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Portsmouth	12	10	1	1	28	10	31
2. Leicester	12	8	3	1	19	10	27
3. Norwich	12	7	4	1	21	7	25
4. Nottingham	12	7	2	3	24	13	23
5. Sheffield U	12	6	3	3	18	14	21
6. Coventry	12	6	3	3	17	15	21
7. Watford	12	6	3	3	18	18	21
8. Rotherham	12	5	3	4	22	17	18
9. Reading	12	5	2	5	14	12	17
10. Derby	12	5	1	6	15	17	16
11. Burnley	11	4	3	4	13	17	15
11. Bradford	12	3	6	3	13	17	15
13. Gillingham	12	4	3	5	13	18	15
14. Wolverhampton	11	4	2	5	21	16	14
15. Stoke	12	3	5	4	15	17	14
16. Walsall	12	4	2	6	15	18	14
17. Crystal P	12	2	7	3	15	15	13
18. Preston	12	2	7	3	15	18	13
19. Ipswich	9	3	3	3	13	8	12
20. Millwall	12	3	3	6	11	21	12
21. Wimbledon	12	3	1	8	10	18	10
22. Sheffield W	12	1	6	5	10	17	9
23. Grimsby	11	1	2	8	6	21	5
24. Brighton	12	1	1	10	9	21	4

### SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Oldham	12	8	2	2	20	6	26
2. Cardiff	12	7	4	1	19	11	25
3. Wigan	12	7	3	2	21	9	24
4. Queens PR	12	7	2	3	23	12	23
5. Crewe	12	6	4	2	17	8	22
6. Bristol C	12	7	0	5	21	13	21
7. Blackpool	12	6	3	3	18	11	21
8. Chesterfield	12	6	2	4	14	15	20
9. Brentford	12	5	3	4	13	15	18
10. Plymouth	12	4	4	4	17	17	16
11. Northampton	12	4	4	4	11	14	16
12. Port Vale	12	5	1	6	17	21	16
13. Tranmere	12	5	1	6	13	21	16
14. Luton	12	4	3	5	21	20	15
15. Wycombe	12	4	3	5	16	18	15
16. Barnsley	12	4	3	5	13	18	15
17. Stockport	11	4	2	5	12	10	14
18. Peterborough	11	3	3	5	14	13	12
19. Notts County	12	2	6	4	17	17	12
20. Colchester	12	3	2	7	6	14	11
21. Swindon	12	3	1	8	11	18	10
22. Huddersfield	12	2	4	6	7	17	10
23. Mansfield	12	3	1	8	19	35	10
24. Cheltenham	12	2	3	7	12	19	9

### Fixtures Saturday Oct 19 2002

Leeds United v Liverpool  
Blackburn Rovers v Newcastle United  
Everton v Arsenal  
Fulham v Man Utd  
Man City v Chelsea  
Sunderland v West Ham Utd  
West Bromwich Albion v Birmingham

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Charlton v Middlesbrough -

Tottenham v Bolton

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Aston Villa v Southampton

## ITALIAN SERIE A



### - TABLES -

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Inter	4	4	0	0	9	3	12
2. Milan	4	3	1	0	13	1	10
3. Juventus	4	2	2	0	8	3	8
4. Bologna	4	2	2	0	5	3	8
5. Empoli	4	2	1	1	5	3	7
6. Lazio	4	2	1	1	5	4	7
7. Roma	4	2	0	2	9	7	6
8. Parma	4	1	3	0	7	5	6
9. Chievo	4	2	0	2	7	6	6
10. Piacenza	4	2	0	2	5	6	6
11. Modena	4	2	0	2	4	7	6
12. Brescia	4	1	1	2	7	8	4
13. Perugia	4	1	1	2	5	8	4
14. Udinese	4	1	1	2	3	7	4
15. Reggina	4	0	2	2	4	7	2
16. Como	4	0	2	2	2	6	2
17. Atalanta	4	0	1	3	2	7	1
18. Torino	4	0	0	4	1	10	0

### TOP SCORERS

6	Francesco Totti (Roma)
6	Filippo Inzaghi (AC Milan)
5	Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus)
4	Christian Vieri (Inter Milan)
3	Giovanni Tedesco (Perugia)
3	Adriano (Parma)
3	Giuseppe Sculli (Modena)
3	Shunsuke Nakamura (Reggina)



Filippo Inzaghi and Francesco Totti are leading the Serie A's top scorers charts with six goals each.

### Fixtures

SUNDAY Oct 20 2002

Atalanta v Milan  
Bologna v Brescia  
Como v Piacenza  
Empoli v Roma  
Inter v Juventus  
Lazio v Perugia  
Modena v Parma  
Torino v Chievo  
Udinese v Reggina

## SPANISH PRIMERA LIGA



### - TABLES -

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Celta	5	4	1	0	10	3	13
2. R.Sociedad	5	4	1	0	15	9	13
3. R.Madrid	5	3	2	0	13	5	11
4. Malaga	5	3	2	0	12	8	11
5. Valencia	5	3	1	1	10	3	10
6. Betis	5	2	3	0	12	7	9
7. Deportivo	5	3	0	2	8	8	9
8. Barcelona	5	2	2	1	8	7	8
9. Racing	5	2	1	2	5	5	7
10. Valladolid	5	2	1	2	4	5	7
11. At.Madrid	5	1	3	1	9	7	6
12. Mallorca	5	2	0	3	5	9	6
13. R.Vallecano	5	1	2	2	8	10	5
14. Sevilla	5	0	4	1	3	4	4
15. Alaves	5	1	1	3	6	10	4
16. Athletic	5	1	1	3	5	10	4
17. Villarreal	5	0	3	2	5	7	3
18. Osasuna	5	0	2	3	8	13	2
19. Rec de Huelva	5	0	1	4	4	12	1
20. Espanyol	5	0	1	4	1	9	1

### TOP SCORERS

6	Julio Alvarez (Rayo Vallecano)
5	Kizito Musampa (Malaga)
5	Darko Kovacevic (Real Sociedad)
5	Roy Makaay (Deportivo La Coruña)
4	Jesus Capi (Betis Sevilla)
4	Daniel Ivan Alonso (Alaves)
4	Martinez Luis Enrique (Barcelona)



Julio Alvarez leads the Primera Liga goals scoring charts with six goals while on the other end, Real's star Ronaldo looks set to catch the Vallecano striker after scoring a brace on his debut.

### FIXTURES - Oct 20, 2002

Athletic v Malaga  
At.Madrid v Valencia  
Celta v R.Vallecano  
Espanyol v Rec de Huelva  
Osasuna v Sevilla  
Villarreal v Deportivo  
Betis v Mallorca  
Valladolid v Barcelona  
Racing v R.Madrid  
Alaves v R.Sociedad



# WORLD TABLES

## GERMAN BUNDESLIGA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. B.München	8	6	1	1	22	8	19
2. Dortmund	8	4	4	0	12	5	16
3. Werder Bremen	8	5	1	2	14	11	16
4. Schalke	8	4	3	1	12	6	15
5. Hansa Rostock	8	4	1	3	11	6	13
6. Wolfsburg	8	4	1	3	8	7	13
7. Hertha	8	3	3	2	9	7	12
8. M.gladbach	8	3	2	3	10	6	11
9. Bochum	8	3	2	3	16	14	11
10. 1860 München	8	3	2	3	11	12	11
11. Stuttgart	8	2	4	2	14	11	10
12. Bielefeld	8	3	1	4	9	15	10
13. Nürnberg	8	3	0	5	10	14	9
14. Hamburger SV	8	3	0	5	9	15	9
15. Leverkusen	8	2	2	4	12	16	8
16. Hannover	8	2	1	5	11	18	7
17. Kaiserslautern	8	1	3	4	7	11	6
18. Cottbus	8	1	1	6	5	20	4

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Cottbus v Hertha  
Nürnberg v Stuttgart  
1860 München v Schalke  
Hamburger SV v M.gladbach



Hannover v Werder Bremen  
Hansa Rostock v B.München  
Bochum v Wolfsburg  
Leverkusen v Kaiserslautern  
Dortmund v Bielefeld

### Top Scorers

8	Giovane Elber (Bayern Munich)
6	Kevin Kuranyi (VfB Stuttgart)
6	Goncalves Ailton (Werder Bremen)
6	Claudio Pizarro (Bayern Munich)
6	Sasa Ciric (Nürnberg)
6	Thomas Christiansen (VfL Bochum)
4	Rene Rydlewicz (Hansa Rostock)
4	Joris Van Hout (Borussia M' gladbach)
4	Markus Schroth (TSV 1860 Munich)
4	Jan Koller (Borussia Dortmund)



Leading the way in terms of scoring in the Bundesliga is Brazilian star Giovane Elber of Bayern Munich.

## DUTCH EREDIVISIE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. PSV	7	6	1	0	20	3	19
2. Ajax	7	6	1	0	17	8	19
3. Feyenoord	7	4	1	2	18	10	13
4. Willem II	7	3	3	1	12	6	12
5. Roda JC	7	3	3	1	15	12	12
6. NAC Breda	7	2	5	0	11	7	11
7. NEC	7	3	2	2	11	9	11
8. Vitesse	7	3	1	3	10	7	10
9. Excelsior	7	3	1	3	13	13	10
10. AZ Alkmaar	7	3	1	3	12	15	10
11. RKC Waalwijk	7	3	1	3	10	15	10
12. Utrecht	7	2	3	2	9	8	9
13. RBC Roosendaal	7	2	2	3	12	13	8
14. Zwolle	7	2	2	3	8	12	8
15. Twente	7	1	2	4	8	16	5
16. De Graafschap	7	1	0	6	5	17	3
17. Heerenveen	7	0	2	5	7	16	2
18. Groningen	7	0	1	6	5	16	1

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De Graafschap v NEC

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PSV v Roda JC



Twente v Heerenveen  
Willem II v RBC Roosendaal  
Ajax v AZ Alkmaar  
Vitesse v Feyenoord

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Excelsior v Utrecht  
Groningen v RKC Waalwijk  
Zwolle v NAC Breda

### Top Scorers

9	Mateja Kezman (PSV Eindhoven)
7	Pierre van Hooijdonk (Feyenoord Rotterdam)
5	Rick Hoogendorp (RKC Waalwijk)
5	Tom Soetaers (Roda JC Kerkrade)
4	Matthew Amoah (Vitesse Arnhem)
4	Barry van Galen (AZ Alkmaar)
4	Dirk Kuyt (FC Utrecht)



PSV Eindhoven's Mateja Kezman leads the Dutch scorers charts with nine goals.

## FRENCH LIGUE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Auxerre	10	6	3	1	16	7	21
2. Nice	10	6	2	2	16	5	20
3. PSG	10	4	5	1	16	7	17
4. Monaco	10	5	2	3	15	9	17
5. Marseille	10	5	2	3	13	12	17
6. Sochaux	10	4	4	2	12	9	16
7. Lens	10	4	4	2	9	6	16
8. Strasbourg	10	4	4	2	15	18	16
9. Lyon	10	4	3	3	19	13	15
10. Bordeaux	10	4	3	3	11	8	15
11. Lille	10	3	4	3	9	11	13
12. Guingamp	10	3	3	4	14	16	12
13. Ajaccio	10	3	3	4	8	11	12
14. Bastia	10	3	2	5	10	14	11
15. Sedan	10	2	4	4	12	16	10
16. Nantes	10	3	1	6	10	15	10
17. Le Havre	10	2	4	4	7	13	10
18. Montpellier	10	2	3	5	6	11	9
19. Troyes	10	1	4	5	5	12	7
20. Rennes	10	1	2	7	6	16	5

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Bastia v Le Havre  
Guingamp v Montpellier  
Lens Ajaccio  
Lyon v Auxerre  
Marseille v Strasbourg  
Monaco Lille  
Nantes v Nice



Sedan v Rennes  
Sochaux v Bordeaux  
Troyes v PSG

### Top Scorers

7	Benjamin Mwaruwaru (Auxerre)
6	Shabani Nonda (Monaco)
6	Pedro Miguel Pauleta (Bordeaux)
6	Kaba Diawara (Nice)
5	Sonny Anderson (Lyon)
5	Jose Da Silva Aloisio (PSG)
5	Martin Cardetti (PSG)



Benjamin Mwaruwaru from Auxerre leads the French scorers charts with seven goals.

## SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Rangers	10	8	2	0	29	6	26
2. Celtic	10	8	1	1	25	6	25
3. Dunfermline	10	6	0	4	19	19	18
4. Hearts	10	4	5	1	19	11	17
5. Aberdeen	10	4	2	4	13	16	14
6. Dundee FC	10	3	4	3	11	14	13
7. Hibernian	10	4	0	6	13	19	12
8. Kilmarnock	10	3	3	4	9	17	12
9. Motherwell	10	2	3	5	13	16	9
10. Partick Thistle	10	1	5	4	8	15	8
11. Dundee.U	10	1	3	6	6	18	6
12. Livingston	10	1	2	7	9	17	5

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Aberdeen v Dundee  
Dundee United v Livingston  
Kilmarnock v Dunfermline  
Partick v Hibernian  
Rangers v Motherwell

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Hearts v Celtic

### Top Scorers

11	Henrik Larsson (Celtic)
8	Stephen Crawford (Dunfermline)
6	Ronald de Boer (Rangers)
5	Chris Sutton (Celtic)
5	James McFadden (Motherwell)
5	Barry Ferguson (Rangers)
6	Shota Arveladze (Rangers)

Henrik Larsson: There's no stopping this man, the Celtic striker has bagged eleven goals for his club and looks set to take the golden boot award yet again.



## TURKISH SUPER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Galatasaray	7	5	2	0	15	4	17
2. Gaziantepspor	8	4	4	0	14	7	16
3. Beşiktaş	8	4	4	0	11	6	16
4. Gençlerbirliği	8	4	2	2	15	8	14
5. Fenerbahçe	7	4	2	1	14	10	14
6. Samsunspor	8	4	2	2	8	8	14
7. Ankaragücü	8	3	2	3	9	8	11
8. Denizlispor	9	3	2	4	11	12	11
9. Istanbulspor	8	3	2	3	9	12	11
10. Malatyaspor	8	2	4	2	14	8	10
11. Trabzonspor	8	2	4	2	4	5	10
12. Bursaspor	8	2	3	3	13	12	9
13. Adanaspor	8	2	3	3	10	11	9
14. Göztepe	8	2	3	3	12	16	9
15. Altay	8	2	2	4	12	18	8
16. Elazığspor	8	2	1	5	10	16	7
17. Diyarbakırspor	7	0	3	4	6	15	3
18. Kocaelispor	8	0	1	7	7	18	1

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Gaziantepspor v Samsunspor  
Göztepe v Istanbulspor  
Malatyaspor v Gençlerbirliği  
Trabzonspor v Kocaelispor  
Ankaragücü v Bursaspor  
Denizlispor v Beşiktaş  
Elazığspor v Altay  
Fenerbahçe v Adanaspor  
Galatasaray v Diyarbakırspor



One of Galatasaray's potent players, Arif Erdem.

## GREEK ETHNIKI KATIGORIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Olympiakos	4	3	1	0	8	2	10
2. AEK	4	3	1	0	6	2	10
3. Aris	4	3	0	1	4	3	9
4. Panionios	4	3	0	1	7	2	9
5. Egaleo	4	2	2	0	6	1	8
6. Proodeftiki	4	2	2	0	4	2	8
7. Iraklis	4	2	1	1	8	5	7
8. PAOK	4	2	1	1	10	7	7
9. Xanthi	4	1	2	1	3	3	5
10. Ionikos	4	1	1	2	3	5	4
11. Akrotiros	4	1	1	2	3	6	4
12. Kallithea	4	1	1	2	4	6	4
13. Panathinaikos	4	1	0	3	2	6	3
14. OFI	4	0	1	3	3	8	1
15. Panahaiki	4	0	0	4	0	7	0
16. Giannina	4	0	0	4	3	9	-12

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Iraklis v PAOK



Giannina v Egaleo  
Proodeftiki v Akrotiros  
AEK v Olympiakos  
Panathinaikos v Panionios  
Xanthi v Panahaiki  
Ionikos v OFI  
Aris v Kallithea



Predrag Djordjevic: Olympiakos captain leading his chargers to another hopeful Greek Title this season.



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